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Port Almanac—January 17.

Sun Rises	7.08 A M
Sun Sets	5 18 P M
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High Water at Southport	6 19 A M
High Water at Wilmington	8.03 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan 17.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 38°; 8 p. m., 44°; maximum, 51°; minimum, 38°; mean, 44°.

Rainfall for the day, T.; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .46.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 15.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 6.0 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, fair in the east; local rains in west portion; east winds, shifting to south; warmer in the interior.

For South Carolina, fair, followed by local showers in northwest portion; warmer; southeast winds.

OUTLINES.

The gunboat Machias has been ordered to Bangkok, Siam, in consequence of an attack upon Consul General Kellert by Siamese soldiers. —— Spain will recognize the Greater Republic of Central America. —— The steamer Haxby, from Liverpool to Norfolk, is ashore at Dam Neck, near Norfolk, and an unknown steamer, thought to be the Staffa, is also aground near Wash Woods, N. C. —— The House Committee on Banking and Currency gave hearings yesterday to several persons who had suggestions to make concerning the solution of the currency problem. —— Mark Hanna has announced himself as a candidate for the U. S. Senate. —— Spanish troops are continuing their skirmishing tactics in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara; Gen. Weyler has ordered the grinding of cane in the Pinar del Rio province. —— Eulogies upon the life and services of the late ex-Speaker Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia, were delivered in the House of Representatives yesterday. —— The plague in India creates apprehension in Europe and Italy has summoned an international conference to meet in Rome to consider measures for dealing with the danger; reliable information about the real extent of the plague in Bombay is lacking; the French, Austrian and Italian Governments have taken stringent precautions to prevent the importation of the plague; the famine in the interior of India is more deadly than the plague and thousands are dying daily from starvation. —— Jack Everhardt, of New Orleans, knocked out Billy Ernst, of Brooklyn, in the twelfth round, at New York. —— Benjamin Davies, proprietor of the Tabard Inn, Rugby, Tenn., kills his wife and commits suicide. —— For attempting to whip a newsboy in a saloon in Brooklyn, Bob Fitzsimmons was set upon by a crowd and roughly handled. —— New York markets: Money on call 1½@2 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 7⅛c; Southern flour dull, steady and unchanged—common to fair extra $3 80@3 65, good to choice $3 75@4 05; wheat—spot dull and firmer, with options; free on board 98c, ungraded red 78@98c; corn—spot dull but steady; No. 2 29c at elevator and 30c afloat.

As a proper precaution against contingences, &c., McKinley has had his life insured for $50,000.

Senator Butler is the youngest Senator, 33 years old, but Candidate Pritchard thinks he is old enough to know better.

The inauguration of the Governor of Colorado cost only $3.50, and yet that may have been more than it was worth.

We are indebted to the Philadelphia *Ledger* for its almanac for 1897, which contains much valuable statistical and other information,

Mr. C. W. Fairbanks, who will succeed Senator Voorhees, as U. S. Senator from Indiana, is a millionaire. He is also a Republican.

Australasia is short on wheat this year. She usually has about 12,000,000 bushels for export but will have to import 5,000,000 bushels this year.

A Kentucky woman enjoys the distinction of having changed husbands seven times and religions five times. As she is yet in the prime of life there is a prospect that she may catch up on religions.

Spend your cash this coming week with C. W. Polvogt & Co. They offer the greatest bargains in dry goods that have been offered you for some time. †

Read the advertisement of C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s Bargain Week. †

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The people of St. Louis got a glimpse of those spots on the sun a few days ago, but it didn't scare 'em up as it did the Florida darkeys when they saw them. The St. Louis people saw about 27,000 miles of spot one way and 9,000 another, and several smaller spots, and doubtless concluded that the sun must be doing a spot business. The spot area covers about 68,000 miles.

The Michigan man in Washington who was ambitious to inscribe his name on the shaft of fame did it. He wrote it four times, but about that time a prying policeman spied him and it cost him $20, $5 a write. Ambitious Michigan men should always provide themselves with a copy of the town ordinances when they visit strange towns.

Mr. W. C. Dowd, of the Charlotte *News*, has purchased the Charlotte *Democrat* and will continue the publication of that paper, Mr. Bryant going to the staff of the *Observer*, with which he was formerly connected. The *Democrat* is a well established paper, and has for years been one of the best weeklies in the State.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. G. BURR—Notice.
W. E. WORTH & CO.—Coal.
MASONIC—Concord Chapter.
PETERSON & RULFS—Greeting.
T. J. GORE—Collector's notice.
MERCER & EVANS—Cut prices.
J. H. REHDER & CO.—Our motto.
A. D. BROWN—New embroideries.
M. W. DIVINE & CO.—White lead.
J. A. SPRINGER & CO.—Coal prices.
W. B. COOPER—Early rose potatoes.
BRADDY & GAYLORD—Drop in prices
CRONLY & MORRIS—Sale by auction.
C. W. POLVOGT & CO.—Bargain week
NOTICE—Wil. Telephone subscribers.
ENTERTAINMENT—"Coming Woman."
JAS. D. NUTT—Speaking of telephones.
WIL. SAVINGS & TRUST CO.—Sensible plan.
POWERS, GIBBS & CO.—High grade fertilizers.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. McRee Hatch has returned from Charleston.

— Mr. A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, is in the city.

— Mr. R. F. Lee, of Raleigh, was in the city yesterday.

— Miss Lillie Atkinson has gone to visit friends in Charlotte.

— Miss Gertrude Crawford, of Southport, is in the city, visiting friends.

— The STAR regrets to note that Mr. H. C. McQueen is on the sick list.

— Rev. Robt. Strange, D. D., is able to be out again after a brief sickness.

— Mr. Lindsey Russell, formerly of this city, now of Detroit, Mich., is in the city.

— Messrs. E. H. and J. J. Adkins, of Southport, were registered here yesterday.

— Mr. Ben W. Southerland, of Goldsboro, was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

— Mr. John D. Ray, a very handsome and a very pleasant gentleman from Baltimore, was a STAR visitor last evening.

— Mr. C. P. Grim, of Philadelphia, contractor for the erection of the emplacements for the disappearing guns at the mouth of the Cape Fear, was among hotel registrations yesterday.

— Judge James D. McIver, of Carthage, who will preside over the Superior Court which convenes here tomorrow, and H. C. Richardson, Esq., of Clinton, Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial District, arrived yesterday.

Formerly of Wilmington.

Mr. Samuel R. Birdsey, whose business failure at Ocala, Florida, was announced in the telegraphic department of the STAR yesterday, is well known in Wilmington, where he formerly lived and was senior partner in the dry goods house of Birdsey & Robinson. Both Mr. Birdsey and his wife, who is a daughter of the late John W. Sanford, of Fayetteville, have many friends here who regret to hear of Mr. Birdsey's trouble.

New Laces and Embroideries have been received by C. W. Polvogt & Co. who have their Bargain Week and January Clearing Sale during this week. †

Read C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s advertisement and see how cheap they are selling their Table Linens, Towels, White Goods, Carpets and Notions. †

January Clearing Sale for one week at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. Greatest bargains ever offered to the ladies of this city. †

Out-of-town people will do well to visit the store of C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s; this week is their Bargain Week. †

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— For other locals see fourth page.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— Rev. J. T. Kindall, of Goldsboro, will conduct services at Bladen street M. E. Church to-night.

— A select party of young gentlemen will give a dance at Germania Hall next Wednesday evening.

— The Superior Court for New Hanover county, Judge McIver presiding, will convene to-morrow morning.

— The chicken coop at Mr. Jas. Monroe's residence, on North Third street, was robbed Friday night of several fine fowls.

— "The World" closed its engagement yesterday at the Opera House with an afternoon and night performance. There was small attendance.

— It is seriously stated that a Republican member of the Legislature has introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of "concealed" weapons. This is "hot stuff."

— Jas. Fennell, colored, was before Justice Bunting yesterday, charged with assault and battery. He was adjudged guilty, but was let off upon payment of the costs of the action.

— In the City Court yesterday Wm. Griffin and Frank Green, colored, were charged with fighting. They were sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars each or work ten days on the streets.

— Dockery received a good vote on the first ballot in the Populist caucus at Raleigh. The following was the vote in detail: Thompson, 15; Dockery, 13; Mott, 3; Guthrie, 2; Hileman, 1. There were ten absentees, five sick in Raleigh and five at home.

— The STAR regrets to learn that its Raleigh correspondent is one of the victims of the "grip," now so prevalent at the capital, and has been confined to his bed several days. This explains why our Raleigh news service has not been up to the usual standard.

— The Associated Banks of New York city now hold $53,099,535 in excess of the 25 per cent. legal requirement. This is an enormous sum of idle money to be held in one city, although it is but a small part of the aggregate of such money held in New York.

— The Charitable Circle, King's Daughters and Sons, under whose auspices the comedy, "The Coming Woman," was so successfully presented about two weeks ago, has arranged to have a repetition of the entertainment at Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall, next Tuesday evening. Admission 25 cents.

— The Legislature is moving along as leisurely as if they had a six months' session ahead of them. The Senate now meets at noon, while the House assembles at 11 a. m. If both Houses would meet at 9 a. m. they could dispatch all the business necessary within the allotted sixty days and do it "decently and in order."

Charity Sunday.

Once more "Charity Sunday" makes its claims upon the benevolent people of our city. It is the one day in the year when all the white churches in our community take up collections for the help of the poor through the Associated Charities. The work of the association is practically applied Christianity. It knows the poor and is helping them without inflicting upon them the evils that indiscriminate charity always brings. After three years steady, earnest work, it claims from our citizens increased confidence and support. The Associated Charities does not stir your emotions with the piteous tale of the street beggar and force you to give a dole to quiet your conscience and relieve your perplexity, but in the name of the Lord it earnestly begs your aid in a reasonable, scientific, steady effort to uplift the weak and to diminish honest suffering. "And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—985 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—569 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 26 bbls rosin, 70 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—236 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 70 bbls rosin, 20 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—108 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 99 bbls rosin, 24 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—10 bales cotton, 25 casks spirits turpentine, 18 bbls rosin, 114 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,048 bales; spirits turpentine, 46 casks; rosin, 248 bbls; tar, 298 bbls.

The Colored Baptists.

Rev. S. N. Vass and Rev. Joseph Perry, representing the Baptist Sunday school interests in all the South and North Carolina, respectively, are in the city and will preach and lecture during the week at the various colored Baptist churches. They will remain in the city the entire week, conducting a Sunday school institute in each of the colored Baptist churches. The announcements will be made from the pulpits of the several churches.

Those in need of Carpets, Blankets and Comforts would do well to visit C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s this week. It is their Bargain Week and January Clearing Sale. †

No house will sell you goods as cheap as C. W. Polvogt & Co. this week. It is their Bargain Week. Terms strictly cash. †

TWO CONFIDENCE MEN.

ONE GOT AWAY, THE OTHER WAS CAUGHT.

One of the Swindlers Played a Successful Game on Mr. F. P. Lamb and Mr. Jno. H. Kuck and Skipped—The Other Arrested While Attempting to Pass a Bogus Check.

One of the boldest swindles that has occurred in Wilmington for years was perpetrated Friday afternoon, Mr. F. P. Lamb, of this city, and Mr. John E. Schmidt, of Asheville, being the victims.

Last Tuesday Mr. John E. Schmidt, of Asheville, while in the city on his way to Charlotte, fell in with a white man who gave his name as John Hoffmann. Hoffmann proved a "good fellow," and prevailed upon Mr. Schmidt to remain in Wilmington and take charge of a store which he (Hoffmann) intended to open. Several times Schmidt and Hoffmann met in the office of Mr. F. Richter, whom Hoffman had informed he intended embarking in business in the city, as he wanted a good paying investment for his money, of which he had plenty. Hoffmann borrowed money from Schmidt, one time on the pretext that he couldn't get a fifty-dollar bill changed, and again that he was awaiting money from his bankers, until he had $42.10, about all of Schmidt's money.

Thursday last Hoffmann, accompanied by Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Richter, went into the store of Mr. John H. Kuck, on Water street near Market, with a view to buying out Mr. Kuck. Mr. Kuck and his clerk, Mr. F. P. Lamb, were soon convinced that Hoffmann was a capitalist.

Friday afternoon Hoffmann alone again visited Mr. Kuck's store and inquired of Mr. Lamb, the clerk, for Mr. Kuck. Mr. Lamb informed him that Mr. Kuck was at dinner. Hoffmann then explained that he wanted Mr. Kuck to go up to the bank with him, as he wanted to draw some money, of which he had a large sum in the bank, but not speaking English plainly could not make himself understood. He then said he had a few small debts to pay and asked Mr. Lamb to loan him ten dollars until he could go to the bank. Mr. Lamb gave him the money and Hoffmann left the store. A short time afterwards Hoffmann returned to the store and again inquired for Mr. Kuck, and was again informed that Mr. Kuck hadn't returned from dinner. Hoffmann complained of a few more private debts he wished to pay and exhibited a receipt from the National Bank of Wilmington, showing that he had forwarded a draft for $680 for collection at Cleveland, Ohio, and then asked Mr. Lamb for another loan of twelve dollars. Mr. Lamb not having twelve dollars in change, gave him a twenty-dollar bill, feeling perfectly safe in doing so, and Hoffmann once more left the store, thanking Mr. Lamb for his kindness. Very soon Mr. Kuck returned from dinner and Mr. Lamb informed him of the money he had loaned Hoffmann. Mr. Kuck replied that it was all right and perfectly safe. But as time went by and Hoffmann failed to return Mr. Lamb became uneasy and went out to search for Hoffmann, and meeting Mr. Schmidt on the street, found out that they were both in the "same boat," having been taken in by a clever swindler.

The police were at once notified and affidavits sworn out for Hoffmann's arrest, but he managed to get out of the city on the afternoon Southern train. He has been tracked by the authorities as far as Florence, S. C. Hoffmann is described as a German about 30 years of age, with a reddish mustache. While in the city he stayed at the Atlantic Cafe. After his flight a package which he had left in the care of Mr. Henry Gieschen was opened and found to contain the receipt of the National Bank of Wilmington for the bogus draft and a receipt from the German-American Trust and Savings Bank of Charleston, S. C., under date of January 11, 1897, showing that this bank had received of one Jno. Baumann a draft for $4,000. This evidently shows that Hoffman has been experimenting in Charleston. A blank check on the Dime Savings Bank of Charleston, S. C., was also found in the package.

It seems that Hoffmann went to the National Bank of Wilmington in this city, and said he wished to draw on a party in Cleveland, Ohio. The cashier informed him that they could wire for it, but Hoffmann said it was unnecessary, and gave him a draft for $680 to be forwarded to Cleveland. This draft is undoubtedly bogus.

ANOTHER SWINDLER.

About 8.30 o'clock last night a telephone message was received at the City Hall asking that an officer be sent down to the Palace Bakery, corner Second and Market streets. Sergeant of Police Gore went down to the bakery and was informed by Mr. W. A. Farriss, the proprietor, that there was a man stopping at the Bonitz House whom he (Farriss) knew to be a confidence man and would probably try to work off forged checks. He was registered at the Bonitz under an alias, R. F. Lee, of Raleigh. Sergeant Gore at once went and notified Chief Melton, who happened to be at the Opera House at the time. Chief Melton and Sergeant Gore learned from Mr. Dick Hines, a clerk at the Bonitz Hotel, that the man Lee had been with him and had tried to pass a check for $15 at Mr. R. V. Coxe's saloon, corner of Princess and Water streets. They then went around to Mr. Coxe's place of business and found that Lee had been there, but had gone away, promising to come back later. Lee was then traced to Front and Ann streets. Later in the night Chief Melton and Sergeant Gore went back to Mr. Coxe's, to await Lee's arrival. Lee passed by the saloon but did not go in. He then went down Water street, with Chief Melton and Sergeant Gore watching his every movement, and stepped into Mr. M. C. Croom's store and tried to cash a check there. Next he went up Market street to Front, and down Front to the Market house, with his two shadows hot on his trail. At Mr. C. G. Garrell's stand he tried to cash a check for $5 on the National Bank of Wilmington, signed by D. Y. Bliss. While he was trying to cash the check Chief Melton walked up and asked him where he got the check. The man replied from Mr. Bliss, and told the Chief he would take him to Bliss's place, but at last he confessed to the Chief that he had forged the check himself. He was placed under arrest and landed in jail. Officer J. F. Huggins assisted in the arrest.

Lee, whose right name is J. R. Hicks, is from Henderson, N. C. He is of medium height, black hair and mustache, and about thirty years of age. On his person were found blank checks on the Bank of Wayne and the National Bank of Goldsboro. There was also a check for ten dollars, signed by D. E. Hughes, on the Bank of Commerce, of Lynchburg, Va.; one on the National Bank of Raleigh for $12.28, signed by J. J. Long, and five checks on the National Bank of Wilmington, for various sums, signed by D. Y. Bliss. On a letter-head found in his pocket was the firm name of J. R. Hicks & Co., dealers in tobacco, Henderson, N. C. There were also several letters from his wife and his mother, advising him to keep out of bad company and live an honest life.

Hicks seems to be an old hand at the business. Chief Melton and Sergeant Gore deserve credit for the arrest.

C. F. & Y. V. RAILROAD.

The Recent Hearing of the United States Circuit Court—Judge Simonton Gave No Intimation That His Decree Would Be For Sale of the Road in Its Entirety.

Judge C. H. Simonton left for his home, Charleston, S. C., yesterday afternoon.

At no time during the session of the Court did anything fall from him intimating that his decree would be for the sale of the C. F. & Y. V. railway as a whole, though the drift of the argument seemed to show that such a decision might be expected. Additional ground for this expectation is found in the fact that Judge Simonton's first decree, issued after the hearing at Asheville, expressed the opinion that the road should be sold as a whole, if it were possible under the circumstances.

The special term of the Court in Wilmington of January 14th and 15th was called solely for the purpose of hearing argument upon the questions arising out of the report of the special master, which report had been ordered to be prepared with a view to ascertaining the values of the different divisions and branches. The Court took the papers, allowing counsel thirty days in which to file briefs in addition to the oral arguments made before the Court. After the expiration of this time, the Court will proceed to draft its decree.

In case an appeal is taken from Judge Simonton's decision, the case will come up before the Circuit Court of Appeals, which sits at Richmond, Va.

Funeral of Rev. Dr. Huske.

At 3.30 o'clock this afternoon the funeral of the late Dr. Jos. C. Huske, at Fayetteville, will be conducted from St. John's Episcopal Church. The body will lie in state before the altar from 12 to 3 p. m., in order to allow the community to pass by the casket and look for the last time upon the venerable features of their departed friend. Ushers for the occasion will be chosen from the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, of which Dr. Huske was Chaplain. That organization will also furnish a guard of honor.

Col. Thos. W. Strange and Rev. Dr. Robert Strange will leave this morning to attend the funeral. Bishop A. A. Watson went up to Fayetteville yesterday.

Death of Mrs. John H. Hardin.

The STAR is pained to announce the death of Mrs. John H. Hardin, which took place after an illness of several months, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deceased lady was a daughter of Capt. E. W. Manning. She leaves her husband and three children to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Hardin was a member of the First Baptist Church, from which the funeral will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. W. B. Oliver officiating.

Powers, Gibbs & Co.

The announcement of Powers, Gibbs & Co., manufacturers of high grade fertilizers, appears in the STAR to-day Their plant near this city is one of the largest in the South, and is complete in all of its appointments. The business is conducted in a thoroughly systematic manner and the success of the firm is conclusively established by the fact that there was an increase of fifty per cent. in the sales of 1896.

Water Mains.

The old four-inch water mains removed from Fifth street between Dock and Nun will be distributed as follows: On Dock between Fifth and Sixth, Chesnut between Third and Fourth, Orange between Water and Front. They will be used to reinforce the larger mains with which the fire hydrants are connected in the localities mentioned and to increase the water supply.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents tf

Silks for waists and evening wear are to be had cheap during this week at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. It is their Bargain Week and January Clearing Sale. †

Bargain Week and January Clearing Sale at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. †

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET

THE SENATORIAL SITUATION STILL IN A FOG.

Impossible to Tell What the Result Will Be—Butler Hopes to Cause a Dead-Lock—Pritchard's Supporters Claim a Majority—Democrats Will Caucus Monday—Legislative Proceedings—Unimportant Business.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 16.

Harry Skinner secured another bolter to-day. Senator W. H. Odom, of Anson, comes out in a letter this morning announcing that he will support Pritchard. Mr. Odom has not been connected with either of the caucuses. He was confined to bed the night the bolters went out, and has been in ever since.

Congressman Skinner said this morning that the nomination of Thompson last night rather improved Pritchard's chances. This statement will cause the most sober to laugh. Skinner seems to doubt whether Thompson has accepted the nomination.

Harris of Hyde went into the majority caucus last night. He announced while in there that he was not for Pritchard and would not abide by the action of the caucus. Some one asked him why he remained in the caucus and he replied that he had as much right in there as any Populist.

It is difficult to say whether Cy Thompson can be elected. The Republicans are badly worried, and they show it. They profess to believe, however that Pritchard is as sure a winner as ever. If all the Republicans stand by Pritchard, which is extremely doubtful, he can win by a very small majority. But it is almost certain that Brown and two others will not support him. It remains to be seen whether the Democrats will flock to Cy Thompson. From what can be ascertained there are several Democratic members who are opposed to him. The Democrats will caucus Monday night and finally determine whom they will support.

Maj Grant said to day that he did not think Pritchard's chances were impaired. He also said: "Whatever coalition elects Senator Pritchard will form an administration party. Russell will be at the head of it. Everybody will understand what that means so far as offices are concerned."

The Pritchard Populists are not without reward.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order at 9 30 o'clock this morning by Lieut. Gov. Reynolds, and after prayer by Rev. Mr. McNeill, of the Senate, the journal of yesterday was read and approved. Leave of absence was granted Mr. Scales and Mr. Justice. No bills or resolutions were introduced; Senators were evidently too deeply engrossed on the subject of grip germs to draw up bills.

The calendar was taken up and the following bills were disposed of:

Bill for relief of A. M. Venoy, ex-sheriff of Wilkes county, passed second and third readings.

Resolution to pay postoffice box rent; adopted.

Bill for the relief of Dr. Geo. W. Walker, of Pender county, exempting him from the tax of $10.

By unanimous consent the Senate took up House bill repealing chapter 466, known as the "Assignment Act," and it passed its several readings and was ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate then adjourned until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The House was in session only a few minutes this morning. Only two unimportant bills were introduced.

Hancock was announced as chairman of the Committee on Fish Interests.

Schulken, Lusk and Nelson were appointed a committee to investigate the charges of fraud in Senatorial elections.

Harry Skinner attacks Cy Thompson. Says he is permitting himself to be used as a tool by Butler to play a sham battle. Republicans all allege that Butler is seeking to destroy Thompson. They say Butler would not permit him to be elected. It is impossible to tell what the result will be. Thompson's nomination caused Pritchard to both lose and gain ground.

[By Southern Associated Press.]

RALEIGH, Jan 16.—The *Tribune* will print to-morrow an interview with Col. Harry Skinner, member of Congress, who is here supporting the candidacy of Senator Pritchard, in which Col. Skinner asserts it as his calm and considerate judgment that Pritchard will be elected on the first ballot next Tuesday. He declares that the Pritchard Populists are stronger than they were yesterday, and that there is absolutely no defection in the Republican ranks. He claims that there have been four accessions from the Populist majority caucus besides State Senator Odom, who declared in writing to day his intention to support Pritchard. On the other hand two of the bolters are understood to have returned to the majority caucus.

Late last night the majority faction issued a manifesto from which the following is extracted: "The majority have exhausted all resources to bring about harmony and amicable adjustment of the differences that exist, but their efforts have been in vain." Col. Skinner characterizes this as an acknowledgement of defeat.

It is understood that Senator Butler hopes to bring about a dead-lock by Thompson's candidacy; but the supporters of Pritchard say it is impossible to do so, as they have a majority pledged to re-elect the Senator. It is not generally believed that Democrats will support Thompson, though it is impossible to get an expression of opinion from any of them. Their course will remain undecided until their caucus Monday night; but as it does not appear that Thompson can be elected by their votes, it is probable that they will nominate a Democrat and vote for him.

January Clearing Sale together with a Bargain Week at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. Read their ad. †

DIED.

HARDIN—On January 16th, at 4.15 p. m., FANNIE BROOKS, wife of Jno. H. Hardin, aged 34 years, 11 months.

Funeral services this (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Baptist Church. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—The regular Convocation will be held and officers installed, Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.

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For Sale By Auction.

ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, JANUARY 20, 1897, at 12 M., we will sell at our sales room 120 Princess street, store No. 1 Market street, running through to Gabe's alley to rear. Terms at sale.

January 17, 1897.

CRONLY & MORRIS, Auctioneers.

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BARGAIN WEEK
—AND—
JANUARY CLEARING SALE.

Terms Strictly Cash. No Goods Charged at Bargain Price.

C. W. Polvogt & Co.,
No. 9 North Front St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

We will take our annual Inventory February 1st, and to reduce our stock before that time will make the great cannon of Bargains roar as they have never sounded before. Will not issue any tickets during this sale. Don't put off buying. We mention only a partial list of our Bargains.

What other house could handle the Dress Goods we do?

Regular Price.	Bargain Price.
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$1 50 Silk Warp Henrietta Black	$1 00
$1 00 46 inch silk finish Henrietta, Black	69
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65 Fancy Figured Mohair	47
35 Black French Serge	23

About twenty-five other Dress Goods bargains.

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Regular Price.	Bargain Price.
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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 17, 1897

WHAT WOULD THEY AMOUNT TO?

Thus far while there has been a good deal of talk and a good deal of plotting and a good deal of work done on the senatorial contest the battle royal to decide whether Senator Pritchard shall succeed himself or be succeeded by some one else will begin next Tuesday. It may be a short battle quickly decided or it may be a long one, in which several ambitions will go under the cloud. There is when there are rivals for senatorial honors, especially rivals in the same party, always a good deal of trickery, plotting and counter plotting resorted to, and this contest instead of being an exception has been conspicuous for trickery.

On the Populist side Marion Butler and Harry Skinner and Cy Thompson have been playing their hand as cunningly and cleverly as they knew how, while on the Republican side Pritchard, Dockery and Mott have been playing theirs, with others who are playing sly, saying nothing, but keeping their eyes open and watching the movements on the board, hoping that some false move may be made that will open the way for them to come in and carry off the stakes.

There is more in Butler's antagonism to Pritchard than the latter's position on the silver question. Among other reasons why he should desire the defeat of Pritchard is that Pritchard is supported by Harry Skinner, who carried those bolting Populists with him in their rebellion against Butler's dictatorship. To beat Pritchard will also be to beat Skinner and triumph over the revolting combine. That means for Butler more than it may seem at a glance, for with a revolt in his own State and Tom Watson soured, filled with venom and throwing hot shot at him from Georgia, Butler will have to fight to retain the position he has occupied in the leadership of his party. Defeat for him means annihilation, and no one knows that better than he. Hence he will have recourse to all the strategy and trickery of which he is capable to carry his point and name the next Senator.

But Butler's trickery is respectable compared with what Pritchard has stooped to There is a difference between shrewd planning, cunning, and false pretence made either to deceive others or to give others a pretext to deceive their constituents and be traitors to their party. Every one who takes an interest in politics and knows anything of Senator Pritchard's political record knows that he is not a man of any fixed political principles. He publicly proclaimed this himself two years ago, when in the Republican convention at Raleigh he declared that he was willing to hold his "principles in abeyance" and fuse with the Populists to defeat the Democrats and get control of the State. As a result of that abeyance of principle he became the fusion candidate for Senator, when the fusionists got control of the Legislature, and by pledging himself to support the Populist demand for free silver got their votes for Senator. He voted with his colleague on that question but when the issue was made direct between the Republican party and those who advocated the free coinage of silver he deserted free silver and went with his party, giving as an excuse for his desertion and breach of faith that he studied the question after he got to St. Louis and discovered that he was wrong and that the men who drafted the St. Louis platform were right.

He stood on that platform during the campaign he made in this State, and never recanted until he found that it was necessary to do that to get Populist votes enough to return him to the Senate. He started that recanting by getting his party colleagues in this and other States to declare that he was sound on the silver question. In due time these reports were followed by the letter which Pritchard entrusted to his friend Harry Skinner to be used at the opportune time when he got his Populist contingent together. In this letter he professed to be as friendly to silver as ever, and that if elected he would work and vote for free silver. Everybody with sense enough to keep out of a lunatic asylum understands this, and the object of these reports put out by Pritchard's allies and this letter of Pritchard to Skinner.

But assuming that he is honest in his pledges, what do they amount to? Didn't he violate the pledges he made when he was first elected? Is there any reason to believe that he would be more bound by pledges made now than by pledges made then? But he is a Republican. He would go into the Republican caucus and as a loyal Republican, which he professes to be, wouldn't he be bound by the caucus of his party on the silver as well as on other questions? He stood on the St. Louis platform which declared for free coinage by "international agreement." To that extent he will support free silver as a good many other Republicans will, but if international agreement should fail, which it doubtless will, will he not then act with his party in opposition to the free coinage by independent action, rather than with the free silver men of the Senate? He can't do otherwise without repudiating the platform he stood on in the last canvass, so that it amounts simply to this, that Mr. Pritchard, who to be returned to the Senate is now making these pledges, must either repudiate his own platform or prove false to the pledges he makes. The friend of free silver who votes for Pritchard on the strength of these pledges is very much in need of a guardian. They amount to nothing.

MINOR MENTION.

It seems to be settled that Senator Sherman is to be Mr. McKinley's Secretary of State, which is doubtless particularly gratifying to Wm. McKinley and to Mark Hanna, for it enables the former to aid the latter on the line of his ambition, and thus show his appreciation of the valuable services of Mr. Hanna, and it opens and makes easy the way of the latter to the United States Senate, which he prefers to a place in the Cabinet. It is somewhat remarkable, though, in view of Senator Sherman's reputation in his party as a great financier, that he was not asked to preside over the Treasury. But perhaps he was, and preferred the other. Of course there will be more or less speculation as to what the foreign policy of the next administration will be, and the expressions of the man who is to be so closely identified with it and have so much influence in shaping it will be noted and taken as indications in advance. His first utterance is not calculated to give much cheer to Cuba, for he is quoted as saying that while he believes that the Spanish Government will institute important reforms in the government of the island and make concessions to the Cubans he couples that statement of opinion with the declaration that he is "not in favor of intervention in Cuba." If Mr. Sherman's purpose had been to inform Spain that this Government doesn't care a continental whether she institutes reforms in Cuba or not, or does anything to ameliorate the condition of the people who have risen in revolt against oppression he could not at this time have taken a more effectual way to do it, for every one knows that it was only the attitude of the people of this country, and their sympathy with the Cubans, and the intimations of intervention that forced Spain up to the point of expressing a willingness to grant concessions to put an end to the war. And now Mr. Sherman, who is to succeed Mr. Olney, virtually assures Spain that she has nothing to fear from intervention by this Government, and that she can go on with her devastating, throat-cutting business until she gets tired of it or the strugglers for freedom are exterminated. This is another illustration of the proverbial cold-bloodedness of John Sherman.

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The form in which that Republican Senate caucus resolution in reference to an international monetary conference was drawn up is pretty strong proof, if any were needed, that the Republicans are simply playing a game of politics with it. There is not a word in the resolutions to indicate any desire for such a conference, or to urge the convening of it, but it leaves the whole matter with the President, and throws the responsibility on him, of taking such action as is authorized when he "shall determine that the United States should be represented in any conference called by the United States or any other Government" on that subject. The matter is left purely optional with the President, without the faintest intimation that the drafters of the resolution think such a congress should be convened. Another suggestive feature is that it looks only to "free coinage," ignoring unlimited coinage, which is the essence of the contention, and in the failure to recognize which they ignored the pledge in their own platform in pursuance of which they protess to be moving for this international congress. This is proof conclusive that they had no idea of committing themselves to unlimited coinage. It isn't hard to see through this game. With the authority to act and the matter left in his hands the President can dally with it, take his time about moving, have more or less correspondence with other Governments, and go slow with the hope that something may possibly happen that will divert attention from the subject and avoid the necessity of holding such a congress. This would let them out of an embarrassing position, while if the demand should continue for the calling of the congress progress might be reported from time to time and the thing got in such shape as to be assured towards the end of Mr. McKinley's administration to play its part in the next campaign and fool the Republican silver people with the hope that something may come out of it.

The State of Massachusetts has spent $450,000 in trying to eject the Gypsy moth, and it is estimated that it will take three times that much to do the job.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Durham *Sun*: A telephone message was received in the city this morning announcing the death of ex-Sheriff J. R. Nowell, of Wake county, which occurred at his home at Wendell, N. C.

— Smithfield *Herald*: Robert N. Dixon, of Chatham county, was placed in jail in Raleigh last week charged with postoffice robbing. He is only 16 years old. He has already served a term of eight months in the workhouse for crime.

— Scotland Neck *Commonwealth*: Mrs. Elizabeth Mills died at the home of Mr. Boone, her son-in-law, in Scotland Neck, Wednesday morning, January 13th; aged 54 years. She had been sick for more than a years. —— Mr. B. F. Tillery, of Tillery, failed in business last week and his store is closed. Mr. Tillery had built up a large business at Tillery and Roanoke Rapids, and his trade was all the while increasing. His embarrassment came by reason of his inability to realize any ready cash on his estate as security.

— Wilson *Times*: Miss Jennie Barnes and Mr. Albert Lamm, of X Roads township, were united in marriage December 31st by a newly elected magistrate, Mr. J. W. Lamm, but one who had not yet qualified and will not be a magistrate until August. The young couple lived happily together until they found they were not legally married, when they were remarried Jan. 13th by Mr. J. H. Lamm, a Democratic magistrate of that township.

— Roanoke *Beacon*: On Friday last Dr. T. B. Wolfe's little one year old child fell into the fire and was badly burned about the head and face. It seems that Mrs. Wolfe left the room for a few minutes, leaving the child and its sister, aged about three years, at play on the floor, and on her return she found the little girl pulling the baby out of the fire. The little girl, while too young to tell just how it happened, had sense enough to rescue the baby from what would have been a most awful death.

— Jacksonville *Times*: Mr. John Sewell, a well known carpenter of this place, died on Monday morning from an attack of pneumonia, after an illness of only four days. —— There are 3,014 white and 1,304 colored children in Onslow county between the age of six and twenty one. —— The barn and stables of Col. S. B. Taylor with their contents, consisting of a large quantity of cotton, corn, fodder and peanuts were destroyed by fire on Monday night. One mule perished in the flames. The loss amounts to about $2,000.

— Murfreesboro *Index*: Sam Jones, colored, was arrested Saturday for trying to walk off in the day with some of Mr. G. D. Payne' chickens. Jones was taken before Justice Hines, bound over to court, and failing to give bond, the officers started with him after dark to jail. Just beyond Worrell's mill, on the road to Winton, Jones succeeded in untying himself and jumped out of the cart and ran. The most amusing thing was that as soon as he got to a safe distance he crowed like a rooster. The crowing was in honor of his freedom and to let it be known that he was still in the chicken business.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The Pacific railroad crowd had fifty known lobbyist on the floor of the House at one time last week, and Speaker Reed got disgusted and enforced the rule requiring cards for admission. There were more than a dozen ex-members in the brazen crowd of lobbyists.—*Indianapolis Sentinel, Dem.*

—— The talk about Judge Goff, of West Virginia, as a "representative of the South in Mr. McKinley's Cabinet," is particularly stupid. He "represents" the South about as much as he represents Japan. No Republican can represent the white people of the South, and Judge Goff is a Republican, and a particularly offensive one.—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

—— About every artcile that is manufactured, from slate pencils to steamships, has begged the tariff committee for protection or more protection. Meantime, nobody has submitted a plan whereby the incomes of consumers are to be increased so as to meet the increased cost of articles of necessity under the proposed new tariff bill.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— Gen. Weyler's latest day's work, of which account has been received, amounted to eighteen murders; and yet there is gloom in Spain. But Weyler feels the proud consciousness of doing what he can to cheer his country, and keeps right on butchering the best he knows how. So far, he has tried everything he could, to meet the views of a haughty and chivalric nation, except broiling live Cuban babies; and, in the service of his Christian Queen, he would do even that.—*Washington Times, Dem.*

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Southport, January 16, 17.

Scott's Hill circuit, at Scott's Hill, January 23, 24.

Wilmington, at Market Street, January 31.

Wilmington, Bladen Street (night), January 31.

Burgaw circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7.

Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13, 14.

Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

You can't be well if your blood is impure, but you may have pure blood and good health by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. †

"I WONDER WHY?"

OLIVER W. ROGERS.

There comes a query oft to me,
From one who thinks I ought to know
The height and depth of mystery—
The "wherefore" of the "It is so;"
And childish form, with bated breath,
With parted lips and pleading eye,
Stand waiting for the "What he saith,"
In answer to "I wonder why?"

"What gives the violets its hue,
The fern its fragile form and grace?
Why doth the rivulet pursue
Its ceaseless course for us to trace?
Why bloom the flowers, why grow the trees,
And spread their branches wide and high?
Why sing the cheerful chic-a-dees
On leafless bush? I wonder why?"

All these I answer as I can,
And yet the little maid asks on,
And her soft eyes my own eyes scan,
Perchance a new reply to con,
Till I am fain to ask, with zest,
For clearer knowledge from on high
Of my own duty, God's behest,
And, like my child, "I wonder why?"

Deep problems meet us in the wood,
Afield and by the stream and sea.
We see what is not understood
About us, and that ne'er can be,
Whether we wander far, or stay
In cloister, hid from mortal eye,
We 'bide with Mystery night and day,
And of it all we "wonder why?"

So 'tis not strange a child oft asks
To know the "wherefore" of the fact;
To understand what vainly tasks
Philosophy, with all its tact.
We all are children; striving oft
To know what comes before the eye,
Childlike, we vainly look Aloft,
And ask, and ask, "I wonder why?"

—*Boston Transcript.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— A man may wear religion as a cloak and yet freeze his soul to death.—*Ram's Horn.*

— Man's blindest eye is on the side where he thinks it will pay him to sin.—*Ram's Horn.*

— A doubt is the heaviest burden the devil can bind on a Christian's back.—*Ram's Horn.*

— No man prays in earnest who does not expect to get just what he asks—*Ram's Horn.*

— "The word of the Lord endureth forever." He that puts his faith in that shall never be moved.

— There is no man with blood and bone and muscle enough to live two lives. If he is to live the spiritual life, the sensual life must—*Dr. Crane.*

— The slanderer inflicts wrong by calumniating the absent, and he who gives credit to the calumny before he knows its truth is equally guilty.—*Herodotus.*

— Religion that stirs nothing in a man except his emotional nature is worthless. Equally worthless is the religion that stirs everything else save the emotions.—*Nashville Advocate.*

— If we look down, then our shoulders stoop. If our thought looks down, then our character bends. It is only when we hold our heads up that the body becomes erect. It is only when our thoughts go up that our life becomes erect.—*The Churchman.*

— Christ told us that the world should pass away, but his word should never pass away. Paul tested it and his testimony was: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." Surely, this is what we want; this is certainty; this is something which cannot be effected by the "wreck of matter and the crush of worlds;" by human fallibility and human mortality.—*Biblical Recorder.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Ambiguous—"I am sorry to hear that you have lost your wife, Cicero."

"Yes, pahson, but de Lawd knows wot's bes' foh us."—*Life.*

— Burglar—"Say! Cully, where's de silverware?"

Man of the House—"I—I s sent it all away yesterday to be replated."—*Puck.*

— "Bobby doesn't seem happy even with all those toys."

"So I have noticed. What's the matter, Bobby?"

"W'y, I got new ice skates an' a sled, an' I dunno whether I whether I want it t' freeze or snow"—*Detroit Free Press.*

— Willie—Mamma, they say history repeats itself, don't they?

Mother—Yes, dear.

Willie—Well, why don't it repeat itself when I'm trying to learn it?—*Tit-Bits.*

— Teacher—"What is that letter?"

Pupil—"I don't know."

Teacher—"What is it that makes honey?"

Small Boy (son of a manufacturer)—"Glucose."—*N. Y. Weekly.*

— A New Man.—"Sah, Mistah Johnsing, I's done turned ober a new leaf."

"No! Den pay me dat haf dollah you borrowed las' yeah."

"Sh—h—h! I haint de same man I wuz."—*Harpers Weekly.*

— Said Bagsley—"I hear that Newdule sold himself to the rich girl there by his side. Wonder how much he got?"

Said Jawkins (as the handsome heiress moved away)—"I should say a pretty good figure."—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

Golf Under Difficulties.

Golf is played at Buluwayo under somewhat difficult conditions. Balls, if lost, cannot be replaced easily, and not only have "caddies" to keep their eyes wide open when a stroke is made, but the player must have one eye on the ball in its flight and another on any bit of scrub in which a native may be lurking. A slight squint under these circumstances would seem to be an advantage rather than otherwise. The native does not want to assegai the player, but only to get possession of the ball. Having secured that and got away, he will have holes pierced through the ball so that he may string it as the most prominent gem among the beads of his necklace for full dress, and thus adorned he will strut as proudly as if that golf ball were the Kohinoor.

Indian Children.

A teacher in a school for Indian children says that she finds the boys are much brighter and learn much faster than the girls. They are all very fond of music and are delighted when they are allowed to play the accompaniment for the rest to sing. They are renamed when they come to the school and are often called something so familiar that sounds very odd to hear it applied to a dusky little savage. When the teacher says that "Henry Clay" may sing, or "Grover Cleveland" play, or "Martha Washington" recite, it gives the visitor a very funny sensation indeed.

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CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

BEN AND THE NICKEL.

The Story of a Little Messenger Boy Who Was True to His Mother's Teaching.

Tick, tick, tick! went the wire. Ben was sorry to hear it, for he knew it meant a telegram which he must deliver, as all the other messenger boys were out.

A bitter wind was blowing, with a sleety rain, and the message was to be taken a mile away, to 3016 Park avenue.

By the time the servant opened the door at that number Ben was very cold.

A little girl darted into the hall.

"I will take it to mamma," she said.

But mamma heard and came herself to get it. While she read the message Ben stood over the register, with the warm air rushing up all around him.

The lady took a little coin from her purse and handed to him without looking at it.

"This is 5 cents, that you may ride in the car," she said kindly. Ben did not look either, but thanked her, clasping it in his mittened hand.

On the car he handed it to the conductor, who returned 95 cents, remarking, "This is the change of your gold dollar."

Ben at once knew the lady had given it to him in mistake for 5 cents.

He thought of all the nice marbles, apples and candy this would buy.

Then he remembered his mother at home, who worked so hard and loved him so dearly—his dear mother, who gave him a nice meal each morning when he went to his work and always said, "Will the good Lord help my little boy to be honest and truthful today?"

So Ben stopped the car and ran so swiftly back that he was all rosy and red by the time 3016 was reached.

The manservant did not understand his explanation. But the lady who heard him from the sitting room did, for she had already discovered her mistake.

She seemed so pleased with Ben and asked him all about his mother and promised to give her some sewing which would pay very well.

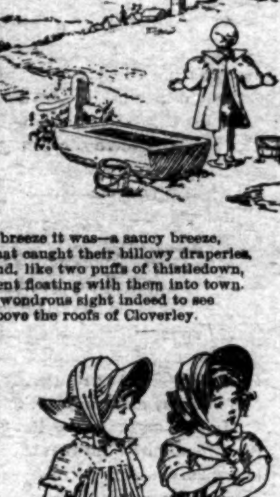
She said, with such a nice laugh: "Here is another nickel. It is due you, for you lost the first in bringing my gold dollar back."

When Ben that night ate the little cake his mother had baked for him, he was happier than he would have even with all the marbles, candy and apples a gold dollar could buy when that dollar was not rightfully his to spend.—C. O. G Nottingham in Our Little Ones.

To Cloverley.

Two airy, fairy maids they were,
In giddy gowns of gossamer,
With frill and fluff and silken puff,
And flowery hats quite broad enough.
A goodly sight indeed to see
As they went down to Cloverley.

A breeze it was—a saucy breeze,
That caught their billowy draperies,
And, like two puffs of thistledown,
Went floating with them into town.
A wondrous sight indeed to see
Above the roofs of Cloverley.



Two sober maids that night they were
Who doffed those gowns of gossamer.
They'd had enough of frill and puff;
They cared no more for silken stuff,
And now they look as here you see
When they go down to Cloverley!

—St. Nicholas.

A Coincidence.

The English press deems it an interesting coincidence that President Kruger lost a thumb by accident, while Gladstone lost a finger. It is recalled that Gladstone, in describing the amputation of this finger, once said: "The absence of pain sometimes amounts to pleasure. It was once my fate to have a finger cut off, and I recollect perfectly well that when the surgeons ceased to hack me I was more delighted than I can express. I thought I never experienced so lively a pleasure."

Can't Drink Pure Water.

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Many Headed Great Man.

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"Why," said he, "I thought Hideyoshi had an enormous head. This skull is very small."

"Yes," said the guide, "but that was when he was 13 years old!"—New York Press.

Parliamentary Compliments.

Talking of parliamentary success, there is a story that Mr. Disraeli once said of Sir William Harcourt, "He has the three essential qualifications for success in politics—a fine person, a loud voice and no principles." This saying was repeated to Sir William Harcourt, who observed that, "leaving out the first two qualifications, it might almost be applied to Dizzy himself."—London Saturday Review.

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BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute		6
Standard		6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ⅌ ℔	12	14
Sides ⅌ ℔	6	7
Shoulders ⅌ ℔	6	6¼
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ⅌ ℔	4¼	4¾
Shoulders ⅌ ℔		4½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	1 40
New City, each		1 40
BEESWAX ⅌ ℔	22	24
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ⅌ M	6 50	7 00
Northern	9 00	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ⅌ ℔	15	
Northern	22	
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	42½
Virginia Meal	40	42½
COTTON TIES—⅌ bundle		1 00
CANDLES—⅌ ℔—		
Sperm	18	25
Adamantine	9	10
CHEESE—⅌ ℔—		
Northern Factory	10	11
Dairy, Cream	11	12
State		10
COFFEE—⅌ ℔—		
Laguyra	20	
Rio	10	16
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ⅌ yard		5¾
Yarns, ⅌ bunch	18	20
EGGS—⅌ dozen		13
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ⅌ barrel	22 00	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ⅌ half-barrel	11 00	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ⅌ barrel	16 00	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ⅌ half-barrel	8 00	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ⅌ barrel	13 00	14 00
Mullets, ⅌ barrel	3 00	3 05
Mullets, ⅌ pork barrel	5 75	6 50
N C. Roe Herring, ⅌ keg	3 00	3 25
Dry Cod, ⅌ ℔	5	10
" Extra	3 35	3 50
FLOUR—⅌ barrel—		
Low grade		3 75
Choice		4 50
Straight	5 00	5 25
First Patent	5 50	5 75
GLUE—⅌ ℔—	7½	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White	42½	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	40	42½
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40	42½
Oats, from store	30	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	45
Cow Peas	45	50
HIDES, ⅌ ℔—		
Green		16
Dry		8
HAY, ⅌ 100 ℔s—		
Eastern		1 05
Western		90
North River		85
HOOP IRON, ⅌ ℔	3	3½
LARD, ⅌ ℔—		
Northern	5½	6½
North Carolina	6	10
LIME ⅌ barrel		1 25
LUMBER(city sawed),⅌ M feet—		
Ship Stuff resawed	18 00	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	15 00
MOLASSES, ⅌ gallon—		
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		22
" " " in bbls		23
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	29
" in bbls		30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	14
" " in bbls	14	15
Syrup, in bbls	13	
NAILS, ⅌ keg, Cut 60d basis		2 00
PORK, ⅌ barrel—		
City Mess	9 00	9 25
Rump		9 75
Prime		8 75
ROPE, ⅌ ℔	10	22
SALT, ⅌ sack Alum		75
Liverpool		65
Lisbon		
American		65
On 125 ℔ Sacks	40	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ⅌ M	5 00	6 50
Common	1 60	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	3 50
SUGAR, ⅌ ℔—Standard Granu'd		4⅝
Standard A		[illegible]
White Ex. C		[illegible]
Extra C, Golden	4	[illegible]
C Yellow		3⅝
SOAP, ⅌ ℔—Northern	3¼	4
STAVES, ⅌ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		10 00
TIMBER, ⅌ M feet—Shipping		9 00
Mill, Prime		7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		3 00
TALLOW, ⅌ ℔	4	
WHISKEY, ⅌ gallon—Northern	1 00	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, January 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 25¼ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 25 cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market opened firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Firm. Hard 1.30, Soft 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 29¼@29c; rosin, strained, $1 35; good strained $1 40; tar $0 95; crude turpentine 1 50, 1 90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	46
Rosin	243
Tar	228
Crude Turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year—58 casks spirits turpentine, 509 bbls rosin, 114 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 6⅝c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4⅛	cts ⅌ ℔
Good Ordinary	5⅜	" "
Low Middling	6⅛	" "
Middling	6⅝	" "
Good Middling	6 15-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7⅝c.

Receipts—1,043 bales; same day last year, 639.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.50 to 3.50; seven inch; $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, January 16—Evening.—Money on call 1½@2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@3¾ per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers bills 484¼@485 for sixty days; 487¼@487½ for demand. Commercial bills 483¼@484¼. Government bonds firm; United States coupon fours 111¼. United States twos 95¼; State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 100; North Carolina sixes 122; Railroad bonds active and strong.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, January 16—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7¼c.

Cotton futures—market closed quiet; January 6 93, February 6 93, March 7 00, April 7 07, May 7 14, June 7 18, July 7 22, August 7 23, September 6 99, October 6 90, November 6 90. Sales 52,200 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1,006 bales; gross 1,006 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 6 bales; sales 384 bales; sales to spinners 84 bales; stock 291 874 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 25,160 bales; exports to Great Britain 23,800 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 9 677 bales; stock 1,104,545 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,255,598 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,142,082 bales; exports to France 464,052 bales; exports to the Continent 1,234,196 bales.

Flour—market dull and unchanged; Southern flour was dull and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 30@3 65; good to choice $3 75@4 05. Wheat—spot dull and firmer with options; free on board 98c; ungraded red 78@98c; options were dull and steady at ⅛@⅜c advance; No. 2 red January 89⅜c; March 90⅜c; May 87c; July 83⅛c. Corn—spot dull but steady; No. 2 29c at elevator and 30c afloat; steamer mixed 28c; options were dull and steady at unchanged prices, without special feature; January 29⅛c; May 30⅝c. Oats—spot quiet and steady; options dull and firm; January 22⅛c; February 22⅜c; May 23⅜c; spot prices—No. 2, 22¼c; No. 2 white 24¼c; mixed Western 20@23¼c. Lard—the market was quiet and about steady; Western steam $4 25; city $3 85. January $4 25, nominal; refined steady; Continent $4 60. South America $4 80; compound $4 25@4 50.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 16.—Flour quiet. Wheat firm; spot 91¼c bid; May 88⅜@88½c; Southern by sample 92@93c; do on grade 87@92. Corn easy; spot and January 26⅞@27c; February 27@27¼c; March 27⅜@27⅝c; April 28⅜@28½c. Steamer mixed 24⅞@27c. Southern white 22¾@27¼c; do yellow 22@27¼c. Oats steady; No. 2 white 24@25c; No. 2 mixed 21@22c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

January 16.—Galveston, steady at 7, net receipts 1 469 bales; Norfolk, steady at 6⅝, net receipts 1,035 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7⅛, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 7 5-16, net receipts 999 bales, Wilmington, steady at 6⅝, receipts 1,043 bales; Philadelphia, weak at 7⅝c, net receipts 109 bales; Savannah, steady at 6⅝, net receipts 3,101 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 6 15-16, net receipts 13,457 bales; Mobile, nominal at 6 13-16, net receipts 2 621 bales; Memphis, steady at 6⅝, net receipts 280 bales; Augusta, steady at 7 1-16, net receipts 293 bales; Charleston, firm at 6⅝, net receipts 330 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 16.—12.30 P. M.—Cotton, demand moderate and prices easier. American middling 4 31-32d. Sales 8,000 bales, all of which were American; speculation and export 5 000. Receipts 27,000 bales, of which 26 500 were American. Futures opened quiet and demand moderate. American middling (l m c) January 3 59 64@3 58 64d; January and February 3 58 64d; February and March 3 58-64d; March and April 3 58-64d; April and May 3 58 64d; May and June 3 59 64d; June and July 3 60-64d; July and August 3 60-64d; August and September 3 59 64@3 58-64d. Futures quiet.

Spot prices: American middling fair 4 13 32d; good middling 4 3-32d; low middling 3 27-32d; good ordinary 3 23-32d; ordinary 3 17-32d.

1 P. M.—American middling 3 31-32d. January 3 58 64d; January and February 3 57 64@3 58 64d seller; February and March 3 57-64@3 58-64d seller; March and April 3 57-64@3 58-64d seller; April and May 3 58 64d seller; May and June 3 58 64@3 59-64d; June and July 3 59-64d seller; July and August 3 59 64@3 60 64d seller; August and September 3 58 64d value; September and October 3 58 64d value; October and November (unofficial) 3 51-64d value. Futures closed quiet.

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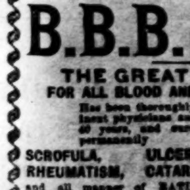

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About thy body and thy mind,
And by that length enlarge thy fate!
—Louise Imogen Guiney in Century.

A WHEELMAN'S YARN

On the way back from Fitchburg to New Haven, after a Yale college vacation, I rode across Connecticut on a bicycle. The second day of the trip I stopped at Pomfret to visit Putnam's wolf den. This took more time than I expected, so that it was dark before I reached the Nathan Hale monument at South Coventry.

Here I left Lake Wangumbaug on my right and soon entered a lonely road where woods added their shadow to the darkness as evening rapidly fell. The track was grass grown, stony and bad for a wheel. Many cart paths made the way uncertain, because, in the darkness, the main road could hardly be distinguished from them. The mountainous character of the country increased as I proceeded, sharp declivities and steep hills frequently alternating and compelling me to walk much of the way.

After a few miles of this slow work I saw that I was nearing a huge elevation that lay across my course like a dark, partly rocky and partly wooded range. I thought that the road would soon turn and lead me through some pass between two hills that the darkness had shaded into one, but instead of that it approached the base directly.

I jumped off my wheel and began to climb a hill so steep that I did not see how a horse could be driven up or down. After a while I began to think it had no top, but at last I was at the summit, where, in a small clearing, stood a half fallen chimney, like the monument of a family wholly gone. The landscape beyond looked dark and wild. A few lights glimmered so far away and remote from each other as to intensify rather than relieve the loneliness.

The descent of the hill was not quite so steep, but it threatened to be even longer than the ascent. I had carefully run down the rough road for a long distance when a light suddenly flashed out on my right. I discovered that I was passing the entrance of a lane that led back several rods to a house from which a lantern just then passed to a well. The light revealed the stone chimney and the ancient windows of a house that had perhaps survived a former century.

The well sweep tipped and rose again, and the lantern quickly disappeared at a side door. Here I rapped, and the door was opened by a young woman about 20 years of age. She was modest to the verge of diffidence, and one more unaffectedly dignified and graceful I had never seen. Her answers to my inquiries convinced me that in order to reach the nearest hotel I should have to pick my way in the deepening darkness along several miles of road no better than I had already found.

I made bold to ask if I might remain till morning where I was. She turned and referred the question to "Grandma," who appeared aged and infirm as she sat in an old wooden rocking chair.

"Ask the gentleman in, Carrie," said she.

The room into which I was invited extended almost across the rear of the house. At the end opposite to that where I entered a door standing partly open gave a glimpse of a small bedroom. Half way down the room on one side was an open fireplace, with its crane, its andirons and its stone hearth. Paneled woodwork extended around the sides of the room and as far up as the window sills. In one corner was a tall, old fashioned clock. In another corner, at the end farthest from the bedroom, stood a closet that was like a square box set on end and pushed back into the angle where the side met the end of the room. The corner itself made the back walls of the closet, while the two front sides made an opposite corner that projected into the room.

Its door was fastened with a wooden button put on with a big wrought nail. This closet was used for a clothespress for overalls and other things worn about the farm. Like almost everything else to be seen in this room, it helped the illusion that transported me back to colonial times.

I accepted a chair near the old lady, who was deaf, and found her an interesting and intelligent talker. But conversation was made a little difficult by the deafness of the elder and the diffidence of the younger one. Both characteristics, however, seemed to fit the place charmingly.

They asked about my trip. When I mentioned my destination, the young lady surprised me by remarking:

"I have a brother at Yale."

I inquired his name.

"Your brother is well known in college," said I. "He is one of the best men among the juniors."

She blushed at this praise of her brother, and turning toward the door I had noticed said:

"You will occupy his room, that one behind you. I am afraid it may seem a little lonely," she added, "but our hired man will come home before very late, and his room is directly over it."

"Nothing so lonely as that road from Coventry is likely to fall to my share tonight," I replied.

"It must seem so to a stranger. I suppose, too, that this is the longest hill you have seen on the way."

"Yes, and I hardly saw this one for the darkness. But I realized its length."

"Long hill is its name."

"It is a fitting one. We have a high hill, or mountain, in full view near Fitchburg, almost as aptly named. It has a bare stony look as if stones might roll down from the top, and we call it Rollstone."

"Isn't Mount Wachusett near Fitchburg?"

"Not so near as old Rollstone. How far down this hill have I come?"

"Almost half way."

"How far off in this direction are your nearest neighbors?"

"A mile and a quarter. There is only one house in three miles, except one or two old deserted ones."

"And do you two always live here alone?"

"No. Most of the time we have a hired man."

"I should think you would be dreadfully lonesome. Aren't you afraid sometimes?"

"We never think of it. You know we have always lived here. This is as natural to us as Fitchburg or New Haven is to you."

"In reality you may be safer here. Sometimes burglars make calls there."

"We had a burglar here once."

I begged to hear the story.

"It was when my father and mother were living," said the young woman. "They had started that day for Norwich, taking me with them for a short visit at my uncle's. I was a little girl then and my brother Joe, who is now in college, was only 12 years old. He was never given to frightening himself with things that did not happen, and he rather enjoyed being left alone as man of the house with grandma over night.

"In the middle of the night he waked and thought he heard grandma in the kitchen. He knew it would be of no use to call and ask if she was ill, for she was as deaf then as she is now. So he jumped out of bed and came right out here into this room. A few coals left in the fireplace made a dim light. He was surprised to find no one here. Soon he noticed that one of the windows had been left open. Then he saw that the button was turned from the closet door. The door moved slightly. He sprung with his whole force against it and turned the button."

"Good for little Joe!" I exclaimed.

"It had been still since he first moved," she continued, "but there was noise enough now. I am telling him what a rumpus the burglar made when he found himself in Joe's lockup," said she, turning to her grandmother, who could hear very little, but was watching my countenance while I listened.

"Dear me!" said the old lady, "I never was so frightened. I waked up and was sure there was a great noise somewhere. My first thought was that some of the creatures were loose in the barn. Then I heard a man yelling, and I couldn't think what on earth had happened. When I caught the sound of little Joe's voice in the kitchen, I came out as quick as I could get here. I couldn't see anybody but him, but he seemed to be holding a lively discussion with some one. 'Shut up your noise!' he shouted. 'Hush!' said I. 'Whom are you talking to like that?' Then I heard somebody roar, 'Let me out of this, youngster, or I'll break every bone in your body!' 'You'll break your own bones if you don't stop that kicking!' says Joe as saucy as could be for all my hushing.

"In the morning we hailed the first man driving by and asked for his help. We found the door still buttoned, but could not get any answer. When we turned the button, the fellow dropped all in a heap on the floor, apparently dead. The burglar revived after awhile, but not till little Joe and his helper had bound him securely."

"He had escaped from prison," said Carrie, "and had been hiding in the woods. He saw father drive away, and when he found that he did not return he thought there was a good chance to get a disguise to wear instead of his striped prison suit. But he is wearing that still. Joe saw him not long ago in one of the prison shops at Wethersfield, where he is serving out a long sentence."

Soon afterward, as I rose to go to my room, the grandmother said:

"I hope the story of Joe's burglar won't affect you as it did Pat, our hired man. When he first came here, he noticed the peculiar construction of the closet, and I told him about Joe's adventure. He declared the next morning that he didn't sleep but a couple o' three winks all night."

"I shall sleep all the more soundly," said I. "Nothing will disturb me."

But I was mistaken. Something did disturb me. I had been dreaming that I held a door against a man who was trying to push his way into a room and that another one had just fired a revolver through a window at Carrie. My dream and the story I had heard before I went to bed were mixed in my mind as I was roused by the careful moving of a door.

Half asleep, I rolled out of bed and reeled into the dark kitchen. Bang went a chair on the floor, while a knock on the shins, with the noise, brought me to my senses. A quick heavy step started from the other end of the room, and, with a rush, some one sprang upon me. He was a powerful man, but Yale athletics served a good purpose. Some wild passes were made on both sides in the dark, but there were others that were not wasted.

How we did hustle around that old kitchen! Chairs, tins, pans and everything movable tumbled about and made a terrible din. But science tells, and I soon had him at a disadvantage, though he struggled hard, and we fell against a sharp corner. It was the closet. In a twinkling I had the door open. Before he knew it I swung him around, when a sudden charge backed him against the wall. Instantly the door slammed, and I turned the big button.

Another burglar was a prisoner in the lockup.

By this time there were voices somewhere, and a light began to shine. I suddenly realized that I had not been fighting in armor, and at the first prospect of a vivandiere's approach I ran like a very coward from the victorious field. Hastening to my room, I began to jump into more presentable clothing.

"Is that you, Patrick?" called a voice from the distance. "What's the matter?"

"Matther enough, mum! Look afther yersilf. There's a burgluiator in the hoose, mum!"

"Where are you?"

"It's in the closet I am. The thavin spalpeen locked me intil the closet bekase I did be near breakin the rashkilly head of him."

A laugh from my room, where I was hurriedly dressing, told them who Pat's burglar was. His own smothered answers had already identified mine. I expected another round when I opened the door, but when each saw the other's battered condition both were satisfied.

Next morning at breakfast Carrie soberly asked grandma whether this house had been entered, first and last, by three burglars or by one. Grandma gave up the conundrum, and, not being asked, I did not try.—Philadelphia Times.

Bad For His Business.

Mick O'Flannigan of Liverpool is an Irish gentleman who pursues the humble but useful occupation of a ragman, though at one time he served her majesty in foreign parts as a soldier of the line. Mick is a great orator in his way, frequently addressing local meetings, at which he generally draws upon his military experience for appropriate illustrations.

On a recent occasion he was endeavoring to prove that even a savage state is better than the present condition of Ireland.

"Gintlemen," he exclaimed, "I saw little children out in Africa there. They had no clothes, it is true. They were naked, but they were free!"

"Bad place for a ragman, Mick!" shouted a small boy at the rear, and the orator collapsed amid the laughter of the audience.—London Telegraph.

Insects In the Wardrobe.

A correspondent, whose home a newly arrived visitor in Bulawayo describes as "a very pretty place about two miles out of town," informs South Africa that Rhodesia is a fine country for clothes. A smart evening dress, which she has only lately had out from home, while hanging in the wardrobe accommodated a rat between the silk and lining. The horrid little beast nibbled a hole the size of a hand on each side of the skirt. She muses that if human inhabitants do not fancy one's clothes the white ants do. Failing them, you have flat beetles, and, supposing they desert you, the rat comes in, so no one can say fine raiment is wasted out there. "The wasps build nests in your candle shades, and the caterpillars or something weave or spin cocoons in your curtains."

Petrified Forests.

The regions of the Little Colorado river in Arizona abound in wonderful vegetable petrifications, whole forests being found in some places which are hard as flint, but which look as if but recently stripped of their foliage. Some of these stone trees are standing just as natural as life, while others are piled across each other just like the fallen monarchs of a real wood forest. Geologists say that these stone trees were once covered to the depth of 1,000 feet with marl, which transformed them from wood to solid rock. The marl, after the lapse of ages, washed out, leaving some of the trees standing in an upright position.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

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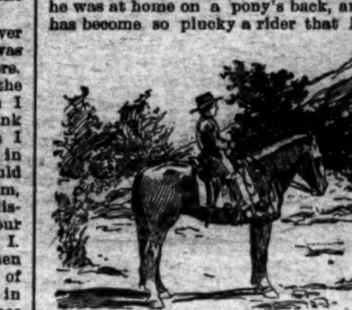
Hope Patterson, the Embryo Cattle King of Gold Hill, N. M.

It isn't every boy who could ride a broncho over the cactus plains and herd 800 head of cattle. But that is what Hope Patterson does almost every day of the year. And, more than that, he can wriggle along a rocky mountain side like an Indian and pick an antelope from a ledge with his rifle.

Hope is only 12 years old. He lives not far from the little mining town of Gold Hill in New Mexico. His mother owns a ranch of 160 acres, with a 'dobe house, where she and Hope and 4-year-old Jimmy make their home. It is a little one story house, and the only things growing about it are thorny cactus plants and chaparral. Hope's father has been dead for some time. He was shot in his own dooryard by a Mexican, and since that time much of the care of the ranch and the herd of 2,000 head of cattle, which roams over miles and miles of country, has fallen upon Hope. The young ranchman owns about 800 cattle in the herd himself, the remainder belonging to his mother.

Even before Hope could walk steadily he was at home on a pony's back, and he has become so plucky a rider that he is



HOPE AND HIS PONY.

known in the country around as Broncho Hope. Often in the early morning he will mount his pony Billy—he owns it himself—and ride up the slopes of the Little Burro mountains, which wall in his home, and help in the herding of cattle all day long in the hot sunlight. A 50 mile ride in a single day is nothing at all to him. In most of his work he has two cowboys to help him—to say nothing of his dog Leo, who knows almost as much about heading off or corralling wild young steers as any man.

Two months in the year there is school at Gold Hill, and Hope attends, for he expects some day to own a great many cattle, and he wants to be prepared to use his wealth properly.

Hope is also fond of exploring the ruins where the Aztecs once lived and bringing home wonderful pieces of ancient pottery and queer trinkets.

But it is as a hunter that Hope likes best to be known. He has a rifle all his own, and often he goes up on the lava covered mountain sides to shoot antelope or down on the plains, where there are rabbits and quail. His most exciting adventure was with a rattlesnake. Rattlesnakes are fond of the hot sun and the rocks of the Little Burros, and one day Hope's brother Jimmy wandered away alone. Of course he didn't know anything about rattlesnakes, and when he saw the mottled body of a huge fellow he was greatly pleased and toddled toward it. Presently there came the sharp, warning rattle, and that pleased him all the more. But Hope heard it, too, and he knew what it meant. Instantly he darted forward to save his little brother, but he was too far away, and the rattlesnake had coiled itself and was preparing to strike. Hope paused only a moment. Then he knelt and drew his rifle to his shoulder. He knew that a false aim might be the death of the child. There was a sharp "Bang!" and the head of the snake shot up and then fell back, and its body uncoiled on the ground, shattered and torn. And Jimmy's life was saved.

Next to hunting Hope is fond of custard pies, and if you should ever visit Gold Hill perhaps Hope's mother would give you a slice.—Chicago Record.

Sweet Confidence.

A six-year-old young lady
Stood near the music stand
In Central park one Sunday
With candy in her hand.

She looked around bewildered
As if she were afraid,
Then to a park policeman
The little maiden said:

"Do you like candy, mister?"
"No, not a bit," said he.
"Well, then," she cried, "I'll trust you
To carry mine for me!"
—Thomas B. Chrystal in St. Nicholas.

A Difficult Word.

"Why don't you study your reading lesson, Frances?" that little lady's papa asked severely.

"The words are so hard to pronounce, papa," replied the small student. "I don't believe you can say them yourself."

"Oh, nonsense! Spell the words and divide them into syllables."

Then the spelling began.

"G-r-a-n-d. What's that, papa?"

"Grand. Go on."

"Grand, f-a-t. What's that?"

"Grand fat, h-e-r. What does that spell, papa?"

"Why, her, of course. Go on."

"Grand fat her is—is—is"—

"Do let me see the book, Frances! Whoever heard of a grand fat her? You surely haven't spelled the word correctly."

And then mamma laughed from her corner.

"Did you never hear of grandfather, papa?"

And Frances cried triumphantly:

"I told you these words were awfully hard, papa. You see you can't pronounce them yourself!"—Exchange.

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RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.		
Loans		$556,687 17	Capital		$125,000 00
Overdrafts		15 76	Surplus	$45,000 00	
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)		50,000 00	Undivided profits	17,728 91—	62,728 91
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000 00	Circulation		44,970 00
Due from other Banks	155,701 84		Total Deposits		719,521 63
Cash on hand	179,815 77—	335,517 61			
Total		$952,220 54	Total		$952,220 54

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DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.32 a m, Richmond 4.20 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 3.25 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.14 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.27 p m, Columbia 9.50 p m, Denmark 6.20 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.00 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 4.35 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave *Boston 1.00 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.45 p m, Wilson 2.12 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.02 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.00 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.25 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rocky Mount 5.40 a m, leave Wilson 6.15 a m, Goldsboro 7.00 a m, Warsaw 7.51 a m, Magnolia 8.03 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 7.40 a m, Sanford 1.45 p m, Jacksonville 7.10 p m, Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.25 p m, Denmark 4.37 p m, Sumter 7.19 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.28 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7.55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.20 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11.00 a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 8.50 a m and 3.40 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.50 a m and 6.30 p m, arrives Washington 11.25 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 9.50 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 9.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 42 a m, Rowland 10 00 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5 38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2 25 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8 55 a m, 9 40 a m and 8 00 p m, arrive Darlington 9 28 a m, 10 20 a m and 8 30 p m, leave Darlington 9 31 a m and 10 40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10 40 a m and 12 30 p m, leave Cheraw 12 45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2 25 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4 45 p m, leave Cheraw 4 45 p m and 5 15 p m, arrive Darlington 7.10 p m and 6 25 p m. Leave Darlington 7 45 p m, 6 27 and 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8.40 p m, 6 55 p m and 8 15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7 30 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9 30 a m, arrive Floyds 9 40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m, Sumter 9 25 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 6 45 p m, Darlington 8.35 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9.26 p m, Gibson 9.50 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 37 p m, Manning 6.55 p m, arrive Lane's 7 37 p m, leave Lanes 8.36 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.58 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.07 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.20 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.42 p m, 12.10 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 20 a m, Creston 5 21 a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 37 p m, Creston 5 32 p m, Sumter 6 30 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.35 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.35 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.35 a m and 3.30 p m.

‡Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.
J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager. dec 15 tf

W., N. & N. Railway.

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896.
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND *6	NORTH BOUND †8	STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND †7	SOUTH BOUND 25
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
	3 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	3 10	Lv...Surry street...Ar	12 30	3 25
9 50		Ar...Jacksonville...Lv		12 55
11 00	3 58	Lv " ...Ar	10 42	10 25
12 56	4 30	Lv...Maysville...Lv	10 09	9 18
12 50	4 44	Lv...Pollocksville...Lv	9 55	8 50
1 30	5 3?	Ar...Newbern...Lv	9 20	8 10
	P M		A M	

Nos. 5 and 6 mixed trains.
Nos. 7 and 8 passenger trains.
Trains 8 and 7 p m make connection with trains on A. & N. C. R. R. for Morehead City and Beaufort.
Connection with Steamer Neuse at Newbern to and from Elizabeth City and Norfolk Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Steamer Geo. D. Purdy makes daily trips between Jacksonville and New River points.
*Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
‡Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
†Daily except Sunday.

H. A. WHITING,
General Manager.
J. W. MARTENIS,
Traffic Manager. my 22 tf

Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

(Time Table.)

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 12 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston	10 32	....
5 15	5 26	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 40	Morehead City	8 02	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.
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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 20, 189 .

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar... Wilmington ...Lve	7 10 a.
4 35 "	Lv... Fayetteville ...Ar	11 00 a. m
4 18 "	Ar... Fayetteville ...Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv.... Sanford Lv	1 00 p. m
12 46 "	Lv..... Climax Lv	2 55 "
12 15 "	Lv..... Greensboro ....Ar	3 3? "
11 55 a m	Ar..... Greensboro.....Lv	3 35 "
11 07 "	Lv..... Stokesdale.....Lv	4 23 "
10 22 "	Lv... Walnut Cove...Lv	4 55 "
10 04 "	Lv.... Rural Hall....Lv	5 26 "
8 40 "	Lv.... Mt Airy.....Ar	6 50 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 32 p m	Ar... Bennettsville... Lv	8 30 a. m.
6 17 "	Lv.... Maxton.... Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv... Red Springs... Lv	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv... Hope Mills... Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv... Fayetteville... Ar	11 19

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 05 p m	Ar..... Ramseur.....Lv	6 45 a.
4 20 "	Lv..... Climax.....Lv	8 40 "
3 25 "	Lv... Greensboro... Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED; daily ex su
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. MIXED; daily ex su
Leave Madison	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 23 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 40 "

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At Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line for all points North and East, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western R. R. for Winston Salem.

SOUTH-BOUND CONNECTIONS

At Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Roanoke and points North and West, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company for Raleigh, Richmond and all points North and East, at Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line for all points South, at Maxton with the Seaboard Air Line for Charlotte, Atlanta and all points South and Southwest.

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J. W. FRY,
Gen'l Manager.
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WEST AND SOUTH.

April 5th, 1896.		No. 41	No. 403
Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	P. M. * 3 20	A. M.
Arrive Maxton	"	6 12	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 55	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	* 9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 53
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 45
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	11 35
Arrive Lincolnton	"		P. M. 12 35
Arrive Shelby	"		1 50
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		3 00
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	A. M. † 9 28	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 4?	
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		P. M. † 3 30
" Kollock	"		3 50
" Osborne	"		4 25
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 50
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	P. M. * 3 20	
" Monroe	"	9 05	A. M. *10 45
Arrive Chester	"	10 32	12 03
" Clinton	"	11 58	P. M. 1 20
" Greenwood	"	A. M. 1 00	2 33
" Abbeville	"	1 32	2 58
" Elberton	"	2 36	4 00
" Athens	"	3 38	5 1?
" Atlanta	"	5 2?	6 45
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	P. M. 4 10	
" New Orleans		* 8 30	
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	A. M. *10 00	P. M. * 4 30
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	A. M. † 9 35	P. M. * 5 05
Arrive Macon	M. & N.		P. M. * 6 40

EAST AND NORTH.

April 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L		P. M. * 3 20
Arrive Hamlet	"	A. M.	6 55
Leave Hamlet	"	* 8 15	10 35
Arrive Southern Pines	"	9 15	11 21
" Raleigh	"	11 26	A. M. 1 21
" Henderson	"	P. M. 1 0?	
" Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 05
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L.	P. M. * 5 50	A. M. * 7 30
" Norfolk		6 00	7 50
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L.	P. M. * 8 40	A. M. * 6 40
" Washington	P. R. R.	11 10	10 45
" Baltimore	"	A. M. 12 48	P. M. 12 05
" Philadelphia	"	3 45	2 20
" New York	"	* 6 53	* 4 53

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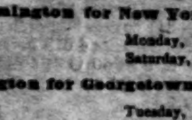

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ONEIDA,	Saturday,	Jan. 16

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SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 17, 1897

TROUBLE WITH SIAM.

U. S. Cruiser Machias Ordered to Bangkok to Protect American Interests.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The gunboat Machias left Canton for Bangkok, Siam this morning in obedience to cabled orders from Secretary Herbert to "protect American interests." The distance is about 2 000 miles and the Machias should reach her destination in about a week. The State Department declines to divulge the character of the information which it has received from Bangkok which caused the sudden dispatch of a warship to the scene, but there is no doubt the attack on United States Consul General Edward B. Kellert by Siamese soldiers is at the bottom of it.

Press dispatches three weeks ago announced that Mr. Kellert, who is an unpaid official appointed by Minister and Consul General Barret two years ago, had been fired upon and wounded by Siamese soldiers. It was impossible to confirm this news at the State Department at the time, but it was explained there that Mr. Kellert had a right to engage in trade and possibly some personal affair of his own had led to his arrest by local authorities. To-day it is learned that for some time litigation has been in progress over the estate of an American named Cheek, who held a valuable teak concession from the Siamese Government. This had been highly remunerative during Cheek's lifetime, but when after his death it became desirable to wind up his estate the Siamese Government stepped in and took measures to prevent the sale of a number of elephants he had raised and employed in getting out timber. It is also said that Kellert was the executor for the estate or the agent of the heirs, and his activity in their behalf had probably led to friction with the Siamese authorities, who perhaps overstepped the usual legal methods in trying to get rid of him. No American warship has been to Bangkok for about seven years, and while Minister Barret has been well received there the Siamese have not had as much respect for the American flag as for that of either Great Britain or France.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

The Visible Supply of Cotton—Crop in Sight—New York Sun's Review of the Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 4,165,087 bales, of which 3,819 787 bales are American, against 4,065,002 and 3,627,802 bales, respectively, last year.

Receipts of cotton this week at all interior towns 82,343 bales; receipts from the plantations 171,179 bales; crop in sight 6,661,393.

The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here declined 1-16c, with sales of 300 bales for export and 84 for spinning.

The trading to-day was almost lifeless. Lower cables, unfavorable Manchester advices, larger receipts than had been expected and some selling for continental account had a weakening effect upon the market, but owing to the intense dullness of speculation the decline was slight. The trading was of a local professional character. The receipts at the ports for the week, it is now estimated, will be larger than last week, though the quantity to come into sight is estimated at only 160 000 bales, against 67,000 last week. The decline in Liverpool was attributed to the plague in India, which, it is feared, will lead to a curtailment of production at Manchester.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat Advanced and Corn and Oats Closed Higher—Pork Higher—Lard and Ribs Unchanged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16—May wheat opened from 80⅛ to 80⅛c, advanced to 81@81⅛c, closing at 80⅝c, ⅜ of a cent higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was firm and ⅛@⅜ of a cent higher.

May corn opened at 24⅛@24⅝c, sold at 24⅜@24⅝c, closing at 24⅝c, ⅛c higher than yesterday. Cash corn was firm, with no particular change in prices quotable.

May oats closed ⅛@⅛c higher than yesterday. Cash oats were firm. Trading was at steady prices, with a shade better-nominally quotable at the close.

Provisions—Heavier arrivals of hogs than estimated lower prices for them, and the prospect of an overwhelming run on Monday deprived provisions of every pretence of firmness at the opening. Trading was moderate, and there was no feature of interest. The improvement in wheat extended aid later, and prices then rallied. At the close May pork was a shade higher than yesterday; May lard and ribs unchanged.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

Business Continues Disappointing But Still There Has Been Improvement.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The week has closed very quietly to-day in all departments of the dry goods market. General business continues disappointing but still, taking the week throughout, there has been some improvement over several weeks immediately preceding in the market here at first hands and a most decided expansion of buying of printed cloth goods at Fall River. The local jobbing trade reports fair business for the week and reports from other jobbing centres are mostly satisfactory.

THE MATTER WITH HANNA.

He is an Avowed Candidate for the United States Senatorship from Ohio.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 16.—The *Press* this afternoon says: "Mr. Hanna is an avowed candidate for the United States Senatorship. He announced his candidacy this morning for the first time, after a long conference with ex-Congressman H L Morey, of Hamilton, O., who came to Cleveland in the capacity of Foraker's representative."

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, January 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25⅜; sales 510 casks; receipts 341 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1,085 barrels; receipts 4 018 barrels; A, B, C, D $1 50, E, F $1 50, G $1 60, H $1 70, I $1 80, K $1 90, M $1 90, N $1 90, W G $2 00, W W $2 20.

CHARLESTON, January 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales 300 barrels; A, B, C, $1 40, D, E $1 45, F G $1 50, H $1 65, I $1 75, K $1 80, M $1 80, N $1 80, W G $1 90, W W $2 00.

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LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

THE EYES OF EUROPE TURNED TOWARD INDIA.

A Genuine Plague Panic Threatens Christendom—But the Ravages of Famine in India Are Far More Deadly—European Governments Alarmed at the Danger of Contagion—Italy Has Called an International Conference.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The eyes of the European world are turned this week toward India. Each day's intelligence from that stricken land makes it more apparent that the greatest tragedy in modern history is being enacted there under the double curse of plague and famine. The heart of Europe has been touched at last and the universal sympathy is perhaps more keen because it is now tinged with apprehension. It would not be surprising if within a month a genuine plague panic should spread through Christendom. The great Powers show alarm and the news comes to-day that Italy has summoned an international conference to meet forthwith at Rome to consider measures for dealing with the danger. There is little doubt that the response of other Governments will be favorable and all the resources of modern science will be speedily arrayed against this hideous foe.

Reliable information about the real extent of the plague in Bombay and vicinity is lacking, and regarding the mortality it is only said in general terms that more than half of those attacked succumb. The news service of the London press is strangely inadequate and it is from private sources that most of the information comes. The point which most interests Europeans is whether the awful disease is likely to flourish in northern latitudes if infection should be introduced here, but no evidence is forthcoming yet. It is argued by medical men, however, that if the plague was dangerous in Hong Kong it will find an equally prolific field in London and Paris, so far as the climate is concerned. It is generally admitted that the plague is a filth disease, but there are certain peculiarities connected with its spread. Dr. Hankin, a well known bacteriologist, who is investigating the subject in Bombay, fastens the responsibility for carrying the infection upon rats, ants and other insects. Rats in houses have the plague; they die and are eaten by ants, which carry the germs into the crevices of the buildings, to water-taps and sinks. Thus the poison is diffused and cannot be eradicated except by fire. This explains the efficacy of the old method of cleansing by conflagration and at the same time the futility of isolating the sick of this and other infectious diseases. The only thing to do is to remove the healthy. It is stated in the *Daily Mail's* dispatches, which are the only ones worth reading in the London papers, that large business houses in Bombay which are infested by rats have been rendered untenable by the ravages of the plague among those vermin. They die by hundreds in the walls and the human occupants have been compelled to vacate the buildings. It is not observed that any larger animals are subject to the infection.

The French, Austrian and Italian Governments have already taken stringent precautions against the importation of the plague, but it can hardly be possible to escape a series of alarms from this cause during the next few weeks.

The ravages of the famine in the interior of India are far more deadly than the more horrible plague of Bombay. The victims of the plague are perishing by hundreds daily, but the victims of hunger succumb by thousands daily. It would be easy to harrow the conscience of every one possessing human sympathy by accounts of typical sights experienced in the vast famine district, but surely the appetite for horror in all its forms has been satiated throughout Christendom during the past few months. It is sufficient to say that the gaunt, starving millions of India are perishing at a more rapid rate than any army ever suffered before the most deadly engines of destruction devised by man. The public conscience and sympathy in this country have both been fully aroused. The response to the appeal is liberal; but only inadequate. The proportion of givers to the sufferers is scarcely more than one in a thousand. It will require the generosity of the whole world to oppose a real check to the ravages of hunger in India.

HAVANA ADVICES.

Spanish Reports of Military Operations—Weyler Has Ordered Grinding of Cane in Pinar Del Rio Province.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Jan. 16.—A summary of the military operations of the last twenty-four hours, according to official reports issued to-day, shows that the troops are continuing their skirmishing tactics in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara. The aggregate losses of the rebels cannot be ascertained, but they left fifty-two of their dead on the several fields of battle. The total losses of the troops were two officers and fifteen privates wounded. Capt. Gen. Weyler has ordered the beginning of grinding in the Pinar del Rio province, and is organizing forces for the protection of the men engaged in the work, to be paid by the owners of the estate, abolishing the system of payment by the State. The gathering of the crop for grinding, according to the order, will begin within eight days. The scope of the order will later be extended to include the provinces of Havana and Matanzas, and in the near future the order will be put into effect in the province of Santa Clara.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Eulogies Upon the Life and Services of the Late Ex-Speaker Crisp.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The House to-day, in accordance with an order entered some weeks ago, turned aside from the consideration of public business and listened to eulogies upon the life and services of the late ex-Speaker Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia. The occasion was marked by an unusually large attendance of members, while the galleries were filled by auditors who listened with interest to the obituary eloquence.

While the eulogies were being delivered Speaker Reed called to the chair temporarily Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, the first instance in the present Congress that a Democrat has been asked to preside over the deliberations of the House.

Before entering upon the execution of the order of the day, the House passed two or three private bills.

The Spanish Cabinet Council has agreed to recognize the newly-formed federation of the Central American States of Nicaragua, Salvador and Guatemala, known as the Greater Republic of Central America.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

CURRENCY PROBLEM.

Hearings Before the House Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The House Committee on Banking and Currency gave hearings to-day to R A. Lancaster, a banker and broker of Richmond, Va., Gamaliel Bradford, of Boston, and R. B. Ferris, vice president of the Bank of New York, all of whom had suggestions to make concerning the solution of the currency problem. Mr. Lancaster made a brief statement of his views but did not present any definite plan in the form of a bill to change existing law. Mr. Ferris advocated the passage of a bill which he explained was chiefly drawn by himself and had been introduced by Mr. McClellan, of New York Mr. Ferris said his plan was not a new system, but was amendatory of the present national banking act. Among other features the Comptroller of the Currency could be authorized to issue notes to the banks up to the par value of their bonds. To provide for the redemption of the notes issued under this act, the Secretary of the Treasury should be authorized to create redemption districts, each bank in such a district to select a bank in the central city of such redemption district to act as its redemption agent and to be required to keep with this redemption agent a deposit equal to five per cent. of its outstanding circulation. Mr. Ferris also argued in favor of permitting banks of large capital to establish branches in their various redemption districts, for which provision was made in the bill.

Mr. Gamaliel Bradford prefaced his remarks by saying that his banking experience began in 1861 and that he had been familiar in actual practice with the Suffolk system and the old State Bank system. For thirty years he had devoted himself to the study of the various problems concerning national finances. He asked how the people of the United States could be blamed for going astray on the financial question when the United States Senate set the example in insisting upon the free coinage of silver and Government bonds were held under conditions recently existing. It would not do, he said, to retire the greenbacks without providing something to take their place, else a panic might come and the people would demand that the retirement be stopped, as had been done before. Mr. Bradford criticised the Indianapolis Convention for taking no effective steps towards the solution of the currency question. He wanted the Secretary of the Treasury to come before Congress and tell what he wanted in the tone of currency legislation. He thought this was the only way to make any progress.

THE PRIZE RING.

Billy Ernst Knocked Out by Jack Everhardt in Twelve Rounds.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Jack Everhardt, of New Orleans, knocked out Billy Ernst, of Brooklyn, in the twelfth round of their battle at the Broadway Athletic Club to-night. The bout was to have gone fifteen rounds, but Everhardt settled the matter with a right on the jaw in the twelfth. The Southerner had the best of it from the time they started fighting in earnest in the fourth round. He punished Ernst badly, and the Brooklyn boy's features were unpleasantly decorated. The battle came near being a fizzle, as Ernst refused to go for a decision. When the crowd heard this announcement they guyed the fighters unmercifully during the tame work of the first three rounds. Then the management made the announcement at the end of the third round that Referee Dick Roche would give a decision whether Ernst liked it or not. The battle took a different tone and the crowd was satisfied. The bout attracted two thousand sporting men to the club. Everhardt was handled by Dan Creedon and Toomy White, while Ernst was looked after by Dan Gallagher and Joe Burke.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Tragedy at a Hotel in Rugby, Tennessee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 16.—At Rugby, Tenn., on the Cumberland plateau, ninety miles from Chattanooga, Benjamin Davies proprietor of the Tabard Inn, and his wife were yesterday morning found dead in bed, the former with a bullet hole in the temple. The woman's head had been almost severed by a butcher knife. The children occupied the next room. They were not disturbed during the night, however, and in the morning went to their parents' chamber as usual, as was their custom to dress, but found the door locked. In alarm they ran down stairs. The hotel clerk climbed over the transom and entered the room. Man and wife lay side by side on the bed. They had been dead some hours. A pistol and a bloody knife were found near. At the Coroner's inquest the post mortem discovered traces of poison in Davies' stomach. The drug which Davies took may have caused him to take his wife's life, then his own. He is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., and was recently a head clerk at the Gibson House in Cincinnati.

U. S. WARSHIPS.

Movement of Vessels of the Asiatic Squadron.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—The cruiser Detroit, which has been ordered to return to San Francisco from the Asiatic station, and the gunboat Yorktown, left Shanghai to day for Nagasaki, where the other vessels of the fleet will rendezvous in order to send home on the Detroit all the enlisted men whose terms have expired. The Petrel, now at Mare Island, will relieve the Detroit and will take out an extra complement of long term men for the fleet. The flagship San Francisco, of the American squadron, arrived at Genoa yesterday.

The coast defence vessels Monterey and Monadnock have reported at Santa Barbara, Cal.

STEAMERS ASHORE

Near Norfolk, Va., and at Wash Woods, North Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, Jan. 16.—The steamer Haxby from Liverpool to Norfolk, consigned to Barber & Co., to load, went ashore near Dam Neck in the heavy fog this morning. The wrecker William Cole is at work on the vessel and will probably pull her off to-morrow. She is not in any immediate danger. An unknown steamer, thought to be the Staffa, went ashore to-day two miles north of Wash Woods life saving station. She is resting easily and will probably get off to-night or to-morrow.

OREGON'S LEGISLATURE.

Senatorial Situation Unchanged—The House Adjourned Yesterday to Meet To day.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SALEM, ORE., Jan. 16.—The House met at 10 a. m. to day. The roll was called, but a quorum was not present. The law says: "The House shall adjourn from day to day," consequently a motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow (Sunday) was carried, and Oregon will witness the unusual spectacle of a session on Sunday. The Senatorial situation is still unchanged.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Wreck on the Philadelphia & Reading Road—Two Men Killed and Five Others Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 16.—The Philadelphia & Reading local train leaving New York at 7 p. m. struck and killed two farmers who were driving across the tracks at Hopewell, N. J. This accident necessitated a delay of fifteen minutes, the local then being on the time of the Philadelphia express train. The local train pulled in on a siding to fix the air brakes, and then pulled out through the other end of the switch to the main track. The express came along at this time at terrific speed and struck the rear end of the local train, upsetting the baggage and mail car and injuring five trainmen and burning up the mail and baggage cars. The two farmers are the only persons killed.

FITZSIMMONS WHIPPED.

Attempted to Beat a Newsboy and Was Roughly Handled by a Crowd in a Brooklyn Saloon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 16.—After the performance at Hyde & Rehman's Theatre this evening, Bob Fitzsimmons with some friends went to a near by saloon where they drank quite freely. At midnight an 18 year old newsboy with a bundle of papers under his arm entered the place. Fitzsimmons grabbed the papers from the boy and called him a vile name. The lad turned and smashed Fitzsimmons on the nose. Fitzsimmons started in to beat the boy. The crowd interfered and whipped Fitzsimmons. The lights were turned out and the police called. Fitzsimmons is now locked in the saloon awaiting the arrival of the police.

WARM WIRELETS.

Hon. Joel T. Headley, the historian and ex-Secretary of State, of Naw York, died at Newburg, N. Y., yesterday.

Governor O'Ferrall, of Virginia, who is suffering from an attack of grip, complicated with kidney trouble, was not so well last night.

J. Finley McIlwaine, one of Petersburg's (Va.) best known citizens, died yesterday of pneumonia. He was born in Petersburg in 1838.

Fire completely destroyed the Buckner Orphan's Home, near Dallas, Tex., yesterday morning. Sixteen children were cremated and nine injured, three of them fatally.

The Canadian Bridge and Iron Company, Montreal, has gone into liquidation. The liabilities amount to $100,000 and the assets are placed nominally at the same figures.

Outside of military and government circles in Berlin, with the press exponents of their views, the general arbitration treaty signed by Great Britain and the United States is hailed with delight.

The Hotel Dodson, Richmond, Va., has closed its doors. Before a deed of assignment could be made some of the creditors sued out an attachment and levied on the effects. Liabilities are unknown.

An emphatic official denial is given at Madrid to a report cabled from the United States to the effect that Maximo Gomez the rebel leader, had captured Santa Clara, capital of the Cuban province of that name.

The Commercial Wheel Company of Indianapolis, Ind., has made an assignment. Liabilities $100,000. Assets supposed to be somewhat in advance of that amount. This is understood to be a voluntary liquidation of the Wheel Trust.

Bishop Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic University in Washington, D. C., recently appointed by the Pope to the office of Bishop Assistant at the pontifical throne, has also been made consul to the congregations of the Propaganda and Studies.

On Monday the New York and Florida limited (vestibule) over the Pennsylvania, Southern Railway and Florida Central and Peninsula lines will be inaugurated, the train being composed of a dining car, sleeping car compartment car and library and observation car, all Pullman.

The weekly statement of the associated banks shows the following changes: Reserve increase $1 181,075; loans increase $283,000; specie increase $928,000; legal tenders increase $9,589,800; deposits increase $9 348,100; circulation decrease $168,900. The banks now hold $52,099,525 in excess of legal requirements.

Mr. Charles D. Owens, vice president and general manager of the Atlantic & Danville Railway, died suddenly last night at Norfolk, Va. He was in good spirits Friday evening and did not go up stairs till nearly midnight. This morning he was found in the bath room dead. The coroner was notified and an inquest resulted in a verdict of death from heart disease.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Thomas F. Ryan Brings a Replevin Suit Against the Polling Committee.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 15.—A replevin suit was to-day instituted in the United States Circuit Court against Louis McLane, chairman of the Seaboard & Roanoke pooling committee, to recover stock pooled by Thomas F. Ryan, of New York.

Mr. Ryan, who bought the stock, the release of which is desired, brings the suit. It is stated that Mr. Ryan has secured assurances from stockholders who are in the pooling agreement that they would sell their stock to him if the court orders the committee to release it. These assurances will, it is said, give him 4 000 shares, which, with the present holdings, will amount to a control.

On the result of the suit depends the future of the Seaboard Air Line. If Mr. Ryan wins, it seems reasonably certain that his syndicate will at last get control of the property. A bitter legal contest is in prospect.

Business Changes in Maxton.

Maxton Blade: "Mr. W. S. McNair and his youngest brother, Mr. Augustus McNair, have bought out the mercantile firm of McLean & Sellers. In point of experience Mr. W. S. McNair is one of the oldest merchants in Maxton, and his brother, Mr. Augustus McNair, is a very fine accountant and will have charge of the books of the new firm. They will occupy the store next to Dr. Croom's drug store. Mr. J. A. McLean will remain with them."

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. James', second Sunday after Trinity, 11 a. m. morning prayer and sermon, 5 p. m. evening prayer. Sunday school at 3 45 p. m. Strangers cordially invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Services to-day at 7.30 p. m. No service in the morning. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m.

St. Paul's church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. F. N Skinner, rector. Services to-day, 2d Sunday after Epiphany, at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. All seats free.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner of Market and Sixth street, Rev. K. Boldt, pastor. Second Sunday after Epiphany: English service at 11 a. m. No service at night. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Meeting of the Christian Association at 4.30 p. m. All seats free.

Services in St. John's church to-day (second Sunday after Epiphany) by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael—Holy communion, 7 45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; evening prayer, 4.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 3 30 p. m.

COLORED CHURCHES.

St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, corner Fifth and Red Cross streets, Rev. E. J. Gregg, pastor—Preaching to-day at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor; Sunday school installation service at 1.30 p. m.; baptism of infants at 4 p. m. A cordial invitation to all these services.

Central Baptist church: At 10.30 a. m. services by Rev. S. Shiver; at 3 p. m. services by Rev. Rigion: at night services by Rev. S. N. Vass, District Secretary Southern States American Baptist Publication Society.

City Markets.

There was a fair supply of country produce for sale yesterday. Sweet potatoes were scarce and consequently were higher than usual. Eggs sold for 15 and 16⅔ cents per dozen. Prices of other articles were as follows:

Meats—Pork, 10c; hoghead cheese, 10c; steak, loin, 12½c; round, 10c; chuck, 7 to 8c; stew, 5 to 6c; sausage, 10c.

Vegetables—Spinach, 25c per peck; Irish potatoes, 20c per peck; sweet potatoes 20c per peck; rutabagas and turnips, 5c per bunch; collards, 5c per head; lettuce, 2½ to 5c per head; green onions, 5c per bunch; carrots, 5c per bunch.

Oysters—Best New River, $1.00 per gallon; Stump Sound, 65 and 70c; Myrtle Grove, 50c; Sound oysters, 35 and 40c. Oysters in the shell brought 65c per bushel; clams, good quality, 80c.

Poultry—Chickens, live, 15 to 25c each; dressed, 60 to 75c per pair; turkeys, dressed, 12½ to 15c per pound.

Fish—Mullets, 10 and 15c per bunch; trout, 35 to 50c per bunch.

GOMEZ NEARS HAVANA.

Insurgent Leader Said to be Marching Towards the Capital in Force—Not Waiting for Treaty-Makers.

Special to the World.

HAVANA, VIA KEY WEST, Jan. 14.—Couriers who have slipped through the Spanish lines in Matanzas Province bring the news that Gen. Gomez is undoubtedly moving on Havana slowly but surely and that his advance guard is laying waste the country as they proceed.

In less than a week the advance guard of Gomez's army has destroyed by fire twenty-one of the most valuable estates in the province of Matanzas, and the work of destruction continues as the army moves along.

The people of Havana are at last becoming thoroughly alarmed at the situation, and all who possibly can have already left the place.

Those who have been detained are making preparations to leave with all possible haste. Many of those who have been outwardly loyal to Spain have lost all confidence in Gen. Weyler's ability to handle the insurgents, and they now actually fear for the safety of Havana.

Skirmishes occur every day in Pinar del Rio. The insurgents are under command of Ruis Rivera. This confirms the *World* war correspondent's statement that the insurgents are as active in Pinar del Rio as they were before Weyler's campaign there.

A Soft Hearted Statesman.

The late Charles Floquet, who had been at the head of the government of the French republic in more than one ministry, was a redoubtable fighter in politics. His extreme benevolence was sometimes taken advantage of by his subordinates.

Once, when prime minister, Floquet had signed an order for the dismissal of a functionary who did not properly perform his duties and could not be made to do so. A friend of this functionary, who had access to the minister and who knew his characteristic in this respect, said to M. Floquet about the man:

"You could not do otherwise, Mr. Minister, for the man is incorrigible. But it's too bad he has eight children."

"Eight children!" exclaimed Floquet.

"Yes, sir. There are eight of them."

M. Floquet dropped the order for the man's dismissal upon the table reflectively.

"But, Mr. Minister," said the friend, "you can hardly be governed by considerations of benevolence in such a matter."

"I suppose not. But eight children! Eight children are a lot to take care of in these times."

Floquet put the dismissal away in a pigeonhole and said, with an air of great severity:

"Send this fellow to me tomorrow!"

The next day the troublesome official came. M. Floquet gave him a scolding and said to him that he ought to be discharged, and that he certainly would be but for his eight children. This announcement was as good as an assurance of perpetuity in office to the lazy functionary, for he certainly took no step to reduce the number of his children. He did no better in his work, but held his place as long as M. Floquet was in office.—Youth's Companion.

The Joke Was on the Boys.

"Assayers are the common butt in all mining camps, and, as a rule, I believe they 'get it in the neck' undeservedly," said a well known mining man.

"For example," said he, "you remember that story of Mark Twain's, how the boys up in Utah got hold of a chunk of a Mormon's grindstone and worked it off on the camp assayer? He got an assay of $300 to the ton in silver out of that grindstone, and the boys ran him out of camp. That was a true story, and yet, after these many years, let me tell you that assayer was all right. You see, in the early days the Mormons used to cut their grindstones out of what afterward was known the world over as Silver Cliff. That cliff was a sand carbonate, and eventually it was discovered to be one of the most wonderful deposits of silver ore the world has ever known. But that was too late to help the poor devil of an assayer who sampled the grindstone."—Arizona Republican.

Any Other Color Would Do.

"Mamma, I wish I had a little brother."

"Why, Tommy, would you like to have a little baby in the house like the little Green baby next door?"

"No, but couldn't we have one of another color?"—New York Journal.

ILLUMINATED FACES.

A Novel Lamp Shade on Which Are Pasted Photographs.

The very latest thing in lamp shades becomes a picture frame as well. Colored photographs make the best effect, and those of platinum or sepia finish make the second choice. If unmounted, they are easier to handle. But nothing is necessary beyond the cardboard foundation and a sufficient number of faces to make a goodly showing.

Stagestruck young women select cards of their favorite actor in different char-

acters, and so get illuminated views. Less enthusiastic girls are content with faces of their feminine friends.

In either case the process is the same. The shade proper of cardboard is first made upon a wired frame. That done, ovals of correct size and in sufficient number are cut, the pictures are laid in place and pasted over the back with thin muslin to hold them firm. As a finish a twisted ribbon with bows is painted about each frame and round the edges, or if the maker has sufficient skill a jeweled band is made to take its place.—New York Journal.

Black Nightgowns Are the Latest.

New York women are wearing black tulle nightgowns. The material is black tulle and is so made up as to show the soft, graceful folds that are possible only to such a delicate and diaphanous fabric.

A deep rolling collar which forms a V at the neck is edged by a frill of rich black lace and is already recognized by clever women as a most becoming arrangement for a plump white throat. Folds of tulle sweep across the front of the gown, while the material is brought up at the left side beneath the collar and caught by a wide bow of cream white gauze ribbon. From this the tulle falls straight to the bottom in folds that cling closely to the figure, the bottom itself being untrimmed.

The sleeves are put in very full, but fall only to the elbow, where they are caught in and joined to a deep fall of lace. The last touch of color is supplied by the monogram of the wearer, elaborately wrought in cream colored silk at the left of the front.

This particular ornament is considered altogether indispensable by the devotees to this latest specimen of the most choice and exclusive lingerie. Extraordinary and unusual as they may seem, black nightgowns promise soon to become the reigning fad among fashionable dames.—Chicago Tribune.

A Sermon on Hat Trimming.

Some time ago a London clergyman, in the course of a sermon, thus addressed the women in the congregation: "Some of you, my friends, followers of the gentle Christ, come to worship wearing great plumes or 'ospreys' in your hats and bonnets. Do you realize that this aigret plume only grows on the bird at the time of nesting, and that to obtain one such feather involves the cruel death not only of the beautiful white mother heron, but of the whole nestful of its nearly fledged offspring? What a price to pay for the pleasure of an aigret plume! What a travesty of religion to be able to come into church decked with an aigret feather and sing in the words of the Benedicite, 'Oh, all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him forever!'"

Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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Do you wear an 18, 26, 27 or 29 Corsets? We are offering the above sizes in a special line at 35 cent pair.

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A special lot of large size Blankets for $3.00 pair.

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We are offering a special value in Muslin at 18c yd.

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A Drop In Prices.

The old and well known firm of Braddy & Gaylord, of Wilmington's Big Racket Store, is now on the eve of dissolving copartnership. It has been very well managed and very successfully in the past eight years, and the dissolution is coming off for the purpose of opening up a branch store in New York city, where the other partner will be always on the market looking out for bargains of every kind. We now have a large stock of goods on hand that we want to turn into money at a price we have never claimed to sell goods for cash at any time up until now, but now we will sell a good many goods for less than cost for cash, only we are very anxious to raise a large amount of ready cash, and for the dollar down we will sell big values.

1 yard wide Bleaching, worth 6c, now 4½c; our Fine Sea Island Sheeting, 1 yard wide, worth 5c, now 4½c. 1 yard Sheeting, heavy and nice, worth 5c, now 4½c; 36 inch wide Blue Tricot, worth 12½c, now 8½c; 36 inch Dress Plaids, worth 25c, now 17c; our 10c Bed Ticking now 7½c. Our line of Red Flannel worth 40c, now 32c.

Our heavy Pants Jeans, worth 20c now 14c; our line of Cotton Jeans, worth 10c, now 7c. All Dress Goods greatly reduced. Men's and Boy's Suspenders from 5c to 25c. Men's Collars for 5, 7 and 10c. Dragon Spool Cotton, worth 20c, now at 10c per dozen. Fine Envelopes, worth 5c a pack, now 3c. Splendid White Ruled Linen Finish Paper, worth 10c a quire, now 5 quires for 10c. 300 pairs of Woman's Shoes, worth from $1.00 to 2 00 a pair, in odds and ends, now to close at 50c a pair, 200 pairs Men's Shoes, in good solid stock, worth from $1 00 to 2 00, now any of this lot for 95c. A big lot of Children's Shoes put on the counter to close at a bargain, from 15c to 40c.

In our Millinery we do not stop at cost. We make big reductions. The stock is too numerous to mention, but you can buy your Hats and Trimmings at least 25 per cent. or one-quarter less than ever before.

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P. S.—All parties that have accounts with us, please send in at once or be ready when our collector calls. jan 17 tf

GREETING.

At the beginning of the New Year we desire to express our gratitude to all who have favored us with their patronage. We have endeavored to gain your confidence by truthfully representing our goods, and by giving good value for every cent paid us. The same policy will be pursued in the future. Wishing our patrons a Happy New Year, we are

Very respectfully,

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jan 14 tf

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HAVING BEEN APPOINTED COLLECTOR of the estate of C. H. Capps, deceased, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, I hereby notify all persons indebted to the said C. H. Capps to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom the said Capps was indebted at the time of his death will present their claims to me before the 30th day of December, 1897, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. THOS. J. GORE, Collector.

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